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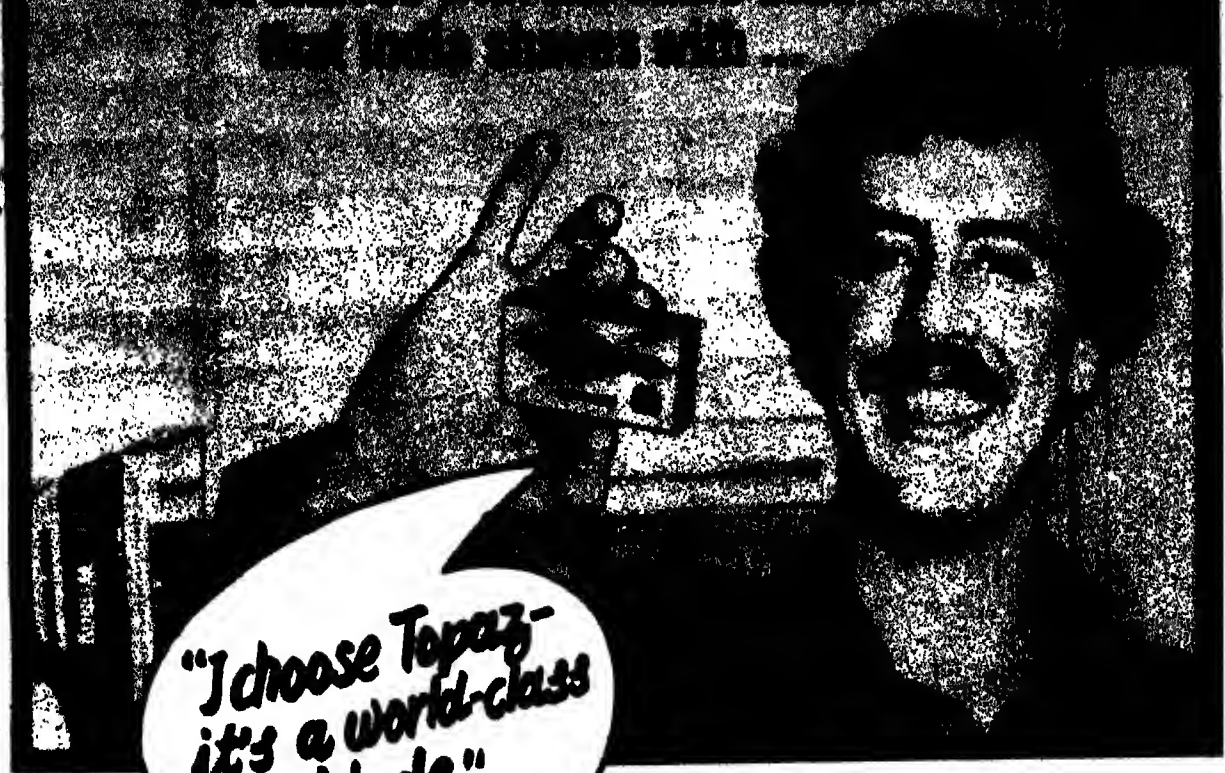
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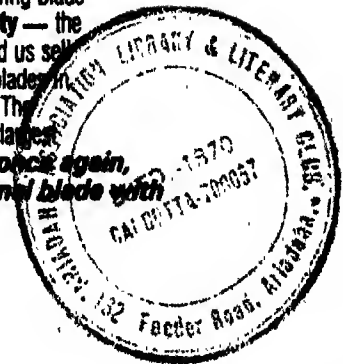


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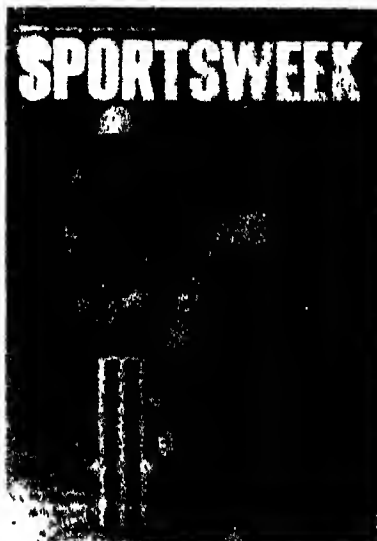
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**N**OT many would agree with the choice of Hyderabad off-spinner



Shival Yadav in the Indian team for the forthcoming tour of England, when another spinner of his like yielded good returns on a turning Madras wicket to stake his claim for another comeback.

But the national selectors' discretion in opting for the 25-year-old Shival Yadav will certainly get the nod from the knowledgeable of the game. Naming Yadav in the 16-member squad the selectors have imposed faith on a youngster than the experienced one from Madras who has so far not shown much success on English wickets.

In the 15 Tests he has played till now Yadav has captured 41 wickets which is indeed impressive considering Kapil Dev's and Doshi's haul of wickets during the same period.

Although it is unlikely that Yadav will be included in any of the three Tests, the English tour will certainly benefit him to improve and learn.

Transparency: Kamal Jukka.

# End this Borg farce!

—By Roy McKelvie—

**J**IMMY CONNORS summed up the case of Bjorn Borg having to qualify for Wimbledon and other major events in two words. It stinks.

John McEnroe said. The rules are bad.

Other players are siding with Borg, some are not.

All this hassle has come about just because Borg, five times Wimbledon champion and six times French title holder, wanted a holiday.

I have been playing tennis constantly for 10 years without a long rest, he says.

The Grand Prix rules demand that players compete in at least 10 tournaments this year, otherwise they have to qualify on each occasion.

Borg decided to play in only seven. Thus the impasse.

Of course the whole affair is ludicrous. A man who has won as many titles and served the game as well as Borg should be given a free entry into every major championship in the world. All champions should have a life-time exemption, they don't get it.

But having made the rule, the Grand Prix governors (players and administrators) find they can't alter it this year.

## Protects

There is, however, one point in favour of the rule. It protects the Grand Prix, a world-wide conglomeration of men's tournaments worth millions of pounds in prize money, which provides hundreds of professional players with a chance of a living.

It also helps distribute the players around the world, thereby increasing interest, instead of concentrating them in the U.S. That could well happen as half the top men and women players are American, and the pickings there are the richest.

If say the Grand Prix governors did not impose a minimum number of tournaments for the players to compete in, what is there to stop Borg, McEnroe, Connors and Ivan Lendl and other big drawing cards playing a few choice tournaments and spending the rest of the year playing lucrative exhibitions?

That is a much easier way to make a fortune—but it would eventually weaken the game and destroy world-wide interest.

Having said that and as a believer that



*Bjorn Borg at Wimbledon—will he play this year without having to qualify?*

rules are made to be broken, I would somehow make sure that Borg played wherever he liked this year.

If the French, whose championships precede Wimbledon, cannot find a way which now seems likely, then once again the All England Club must go it alone, as they threatened to do when the introduction of open tennis was

opposed by most of the world, including the U.S. in 1967.

I urge the All England Club committee which meets to make a Borg decision to take a stand and say, 'To hell with everyone else.'

And that means he plays at Wimbledon (June 21-July 4) without the farce of having to qualify.

## Borg not to enter French Open

**D**EFENDING champion Bjorn Borg has decided not to enter the Grand Slam tennis event, the French Open, this year because of a ruling that would force him to go through the qualifying round, his coach Lennart Bergelin said.

Bergelin made the statement to a group of journalists at the Monte Carlo Country Club where a 300,000 dollar Grand Prix Tournament was being played.

The 25-year-old Borg ended a five-month tournament break, the longest of his career, to play in the Monte Carlo Grand Prix Tennis Tournament. He was eliminated in straight sets in a quarter-final match against France's Yannick Noah.

Borg, who had been vying for a record fourth title at Monte Carlo, had to go

through the qualifying round at the event this year because of his decision to play in only seven Grand Prix Tournaments in 1982.

The men's International Professional Tennis Council, the governing board of the sport, has set a minimum of 10 Grand Prix Tournaments for every player this year. The Council steadfastly has refused to grant Borg's request that he be exempted from the 10-tournament minimum, meaning Borg must go through the qualifying round of every event he wishes to enter this year.

The deadline for a player to announce his intention to play at the French Open ends at midnight on April 19. The two-week French Tournament, the first grand slam event of the year, begins May 24.



# Rothmans Trophy for Intikhab's XI

— From Khalid Ansari in Sharjah —

**A** DEVASTATING spell of hostile accurate fast bowling by Pakistani Imran Khan enabled Intikhab Alam's Pakistan 11 to beat Sunil Gavaskar's India 11 by 44 runs in the second limited over international at the Sharjah cricket stadium on Friday.

The match was the second in the two match, 45 over limited overs series between the two teams played over the past week as part of a benefit for Sunil Gavaskar and Subash Gupte from India and Intikhab Alam and Nazar Mohamad of Pakistan.

Gavaskar and Intikhab are expected to benefit to the extent of 50,000 US dollars each and Gupte and Nazar by about 25,000 US dollars. Gavaskar's 11

had triumphed in the first one day fixture by 15 runs but the Rothmans Trophy went to the Pakistani cricketers by virtue of a higher margin of victory and faster rate of scoring.

Winning the toss the Pakistanis elected to bat and knocked up 240 for 7 in the allotted 45 overs. Test opener Mudassar Nazar, son of Nazar Muhammad hit a scintillating 115 and Imran, recipient of the man of the match prize of 10,000 dirhams (approx Rs 25,000) chipped in with a valuable 46. The Pakistani innings was lent strength and substance with a 96 run partnership for the fifth wicket between Mudassar Nazar and Wasim Raja.

For the Indians Madan Lal bowled

accurately to claim 4 for 33. Shastri claimed the important wickets of Miandad and Raja but dropped catches by Kapil and wicket-keeper Zulfiqar Parkar cost them dear. Regular wicket-keeper Kirmani who complained of dizziness earlier in the innings returned to take excellent catches at mid-wicket to dismiss Imran and Mudassar.

India lost openers Gavaskar and Shastri for only 45. Viswanath shaped confidently but was out for 35 fluent runs. With three wickets having fallen for 77 in 24 overs, Pakistan seemed headed for a convincing victory but a scintillating fourth-wicket partnership of 97, the highest of the match between Sandeep Patil and Kapil Dev raised hopeful visions of an Indian victory.



The two teams, Gavaskar's XI and Intikhab's XI, seen at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium



## Cricket in the Gulf

remaining, the Indians needed 19 to overhaul the Pakistani pair's aggregate. But Kapil Dev was out twice in the crucial over enabling the Pakistani pair to emerge winners by a narrow margin. Sandeep Patil, who was content to let Kapil do most of the scoring scored 35 with one six and a boundary.

Javed and Imran demonstrated commendable innovative qualities and scored freely. Both were out once, Javed's 66 included six sixes and Imran's 73 five.

Clive Lloyd was handicapped with a weak partner (as was Ian Botham) Bourne who was dismissed twice scored 27. The pair aggregated 105 on the second day and 110 on the first which was the highest of the day.

Botham and Stevenson who scored 104 on the first day could manage only 87 on the second day. Each pair in the tournament received 500 dollars in addition to the prize money.



*Bill Bourne of the Caribbean... he proved to be a weak partner for Lloyd and was dismissed twice while scoring 27*



*The West Indian pair of Lloyd and Bourne at the wicket. They aggregated the top score of 115 on the first day of the Bukhatir international double wicket tournament*



*Distinguished spectators watch the match in progress... From left to right: Indian Consul General Goyal, Indian Ambassador to UAE Lalit Mansingh, Pakistan Consul General Abdul Wahab Khan, Shaikh Abdulrahman Bukhatir and Ms. Ayesha Huq*

# Selection—an exercise in parochialism?

**T**HE Cricket Control Board is said to be most exclusive club in the country where sports federations are concerned

While their bodies are involved in messy court disputes controversies over permanent non-retiring officials financial irregularities etc the Cricket Board has maintained an air of calm dignity, with no unseemly washing of dirty linen in public

But is that dignity a mere facade which hides a rotten core? For those steeped in the Board's traditions and the famous 'conventions' merely to ask such a question would seem sacrilegious. But the time seems to be fast approaching when the conventions will be merely observed in the breach

From the long term point of view, that would seem to be the saddest part, or the biggest achievement—depending on one's point of view—of the campaign launched in the capital last week by three member units of the Board challenging the composition of the party selected for the tour of England. In the short term however one sees little chance of the protest making any impact on the Board the selectors or the one man who is seen in these parts as the main culprit—Sunil Gavaskar

Still the gang up of two units from North Zone and one from Central Zone was impressive enough in its own way. Mr I S Bindra, president of the Punjab Association, Mr Kamlesh Sharma, secretary of the DDCA, and Mr P Matilal, secretary of the Services Sports Control Board, staged an unprecedented press conference last week to condemn the selection of the team for England as an exercise in parochialism

## Strong words

Strong words were used at the press conference, which was followed up two days later by a communication to the Board president S K Wankhede asking for a special general body meeting to discuss the selection of the team

That "request" of course fell short of a requisition, for which at least seven more signatures will be required. It is highly unlikely that the triumvirate can manage that immediately

But the very fact that the possibility is being talked of should be a worrisome factor for the Board. The three are fairly senior and influential officials of the government at the centre, and experience has shown that it takes very little to get the government interested in the affairs of any sports body, regardless of all the talk of autonomy

In this case, the necessary nudge can

be given by that most powerful of all factors—public opinion. Quite simply Sunil Gavaskar has insulted the entire cricketing community of Northern India by his open show of bias for his Bombay colleagues. One damaging statistic tells it all: six players in the touring party from a side which got knocked out in the semifinals of the National Championship. The champions, on the other hand, get only one man

That would have been bad enough by itself but Gavaskar's selection (one deliberately singles out the captain for there is no one who buys the idea that the selectors acted on their own) seemed to be like rubbing salt into a wound after the manner of Delhi's extraordinary triumph over Karnataka in the Ranji final

One would have expected at least a token acknowledgement in the selection process to a feat which will assuredly figure prominently in not just Indian but international cricketing lore

## Pygmies

Instead, barely two days after that bit of history was made, two names which did not have enough performances to get them into the household talk circuit outside of Bombay were suddenly pitch-forked onto the national scene. It is no fault of Suru Nayak and Ghulam Parker, but after that Ranji final they were made to look like pygmies compared to Mohinder Amarnath and Rakesh Shukla

Thus, it was no surprise that Messrs Bindra, Kamlesh Sharma and Matilal decided to jump into the fray

At the press conference they referred to the persistent feeling as early as the Kanpur Test against England that Sunil Gavaskar had finalized the touring party and that the selection process was a mere formality. The three officials said that this feeling seemed to be confirmed when the Board did not bother to ask the selectors to watch the final stages of the National Championship

In fact, the Board secretary A W Kanwadkar would appear to have put his foot in his mouth when he was reported to have said that the selectors were not asked to watch the matches because 'all the Test prospects would not be on view'. Bindra milked that remark to the full at the press conference

Kamlesh Sharma added another telling point when he said that the Delhi players had voiced their apprehensions to him before the Ranji final about the value which would be placed on any performances in the match in the absence of the selectors. Quite

obviously the players' fears were proved correct

For his part, the indefatigable and voluble Matilal, who has been in the thick of many a controversy in many a federation, came armed with a string of statistics on the comparative performances of the players concerned

Suru Nayak particularly came out in poor light from the figures. The player had not even been selected for West Zone in the Duleep and Deodhar Trophies and for Bombay in the Irani Trophy match. He has gained his selection on the strength of moderately successful showings in two One Day Internationals and one first class match against England. But so vague are his credentials that one cannot be sure whether he has been chosen because of his medium pace bowling or his batting or his right arm leg spin

It was not difficult for Matilal to prove with his figures that Mohinder was better in the first two departments and Rakesh Shukla in the third

Matilal was of course even sore over the omission of the second wicketkeeper and the consequent choice of Ghulam Parker. The Railways had entertained high hopes of Ved Raj making the trip as the second wicketkeeper. But more pertinent is the fact that even as an opening batsman Ghulam Parker is overshadowed by Bengal's Arun Lal

## Power politics

The unstated element in the protest press conference was power politics. The triumvirate had been hand in glove in the long and eventually successful campaign to get rid of the Mehra family which ruled Delhi cricket for over two decades. Quite clearly, the ambitions of the three officials have not stopped there. At the press conference, they subtly tried to convey the impression that the performance of Mohinder Amarnath's team on the field was somehow related to the new set up in the affairs of Delhi cricket

Far fetched as that may seem, officials live on such self boosting images. Thus the obviously biased selection of the National team is being perceived as an insult to the new cricketing force in the north

Whatever their present strength, Sunil Gavaskar and the Board would be ill advised to ignore the warning implicit in the campaign started by the three units

As the DDCA episode showed, what starts as little more than a nuisance and a pinprick can snowball into devastating movement

SW Correspondent



## The genuine humble guy

—By Dilip Vengsarkar as told to Trevor Manuel—

It is not a great thing to be humble when one is brought down low. But to be humble when one is praised and glorified is indeed a rare attainment. Few are those that show a streak of modesty running through them. And fewer still, are those with humbleness bred in their bones. This, put in a nutshell, is Shivalal Yadav for you—the genuine humble guy ever ready to help a lame dog over the stile!

His modesty is not a characteristic trait that has surfaced of late only after he lost his place in the India team. It is a feature I found prevalent in abundance in him from the hour he called on me and introduced himself at the West End Hotel, Bangalore.

We were at camp prior to the English tour of 1979 and Shivalal, a complete stranger to me, was one of the hopefuls summoned to join us there.

I watched him bowl at nets the next day and couldn't help thinking to myself that in him perhaps was part of India's answer to 'After our renowned spin quartet, who?'

Life for Shivalal and his gradual climb



Yadav... a fine turner of the ball with a smooth action

to the top, I learnt, was certainly no bed of roses. He received little by way of encouragement and was in fact, deterred by a larger number who saw no future for a spinner of his ilk considering the continuing dominance of our masters in the art.

But Shivalal was not living in a fool's paradise and fortunate for him he proved to be a game fighter—a fighter with a learning attitude whose determination to make it to the summit not because of, but in spite of the Indian spin quartet, was highly commendable.

He gave credence to his cherished fairyland vision that some day he would accomplish his heart's desire and he set out to realize his dream leaving no avenue unexplored in his efforts to achieve his goal.

He engaged in serious lengthy discussions with those in the know on the art of spin bowling. He waited, watched and learnt, the finer aspects of the game, putting his findings into practise until the day arrived when the doors of destiny which he had been knocking at finally opened out to welcome him into a new world—the world of Test cricket.

### Curtain raiser

The Bangalore Test against Kim Hughes' Australian team was Shivalal's curtain raiser, and a very tense debut it was for him. The knowledge that he would be placed on comparison with his maestro predecessors weighed on his mind. But it did not leave him fumbling.

Though a bit nervous, he bowled his heart out to capture a few wickets and went on to give a good account of himself by emerging the maximum wicket-taker of that series.

The twin tour of Australia and New Zealand opened my eyes to the reputed fighting qualities of Shivalal and today, believe me, I have the greatest admiration for this gutsy cricketer with a lion's heart.

In the Melbourne Test Shivalal came to grief when a yorker from Lenny Pascoe landed plumb on his foot fracturing two of his toes. I doubt very much whether any other cricketer, myself included, would have opted to continue on the field under such excruciating circumstances. But our champion fighting-man calmly announced his intention to take pain-killers and carry on with the game.

I was with Shivalal when he received the pain-repelling injections in the bone and I tell you, the blood-gushing



Shivalal Yadav... humbleness bred in his bones

spectacle was enough to make one's flesh creep. Over and done with this Shivalal then continued to take an active part in the proceedings thus risking further aggravation to his yet fractured toes. All honour to him for this remarkable display of courage and valour!

But time came for the second innings and Shivalal's toes were swollen to such an extent that he could not even put his foot into his own shoes. One could see with half an eye that he was not in a condition even to walk itself, let alone play. But did he think so? No, not at all! And what do you think he did? Why, he just got himself a larger pair of shoes and decided to go into the field!

But here wiser counsel prevailed and our manager would not hear of it, and rightly so, as Shivalal had done enough to risk further damage to his foot, besides, of course, proving his loyalty to the game and to his team.

In fact, so great was the injury that it kept him off the field until the last Test in New Zealand. And one shudders to think what might have become of Shivalal's career had he been allowed to continue swollen foot and all in the Melbourne Test.

His injury apart, one felt sorry and shared his frustration in Australia where, like Dilip Doshi, several wicket-deserving deliveries of Shivalal's were also brought to naught as a result of bad umpiring.

But not one to get disheartened Shivalal took all the decisions with good grace. Never disgruntled or sulky. No bitterness or action that smacked of disgust. Not a word of protest or argument. Just that helpless shrugging of the shoulders, drooping of head and



the weebagone look in his eyes which revealed that he knows he is right but yet accepts it all as part of the game.

And if I should mention here, Shival is one of the few tricksters in the world who never re-live on-field incidents in the dressing room or off the field. He bears no malice or grudge and in any misunderstanding, will make the first move to bury the hatchet!

Shival, if I may be permitted to add, was known as "Mr. Hamburger" in Australia. He took such a fancy to the delicacy that his staple diet Down Under was solely confined to this German-originated snack! (At other times and places, he is a good eater of rice and will not say 'no' to a mug or two of beer before he settles down to his repast). I distinctly espied a small twinkle in his eye when at Sydney, his cheeks bulging, he informed us that he had just done good to what was his 100th hamburger!! Good grief!

Shival, if I think is a very fine bowler and an equally fine turner of the ball. He has a smooth action too, and can deceive many an unsuspecting batsman with his casual motion of delivery. He can bat too, if he has to, and it is a very useful bat that he carries. He is more a man of the hour as he showed himself to be at Adelaide where he played out the 20 mandatory overs with Karsan Ghavri and thereby enabled India to save the Test with a draw.

Shival is a good fielder in the outfield



*Shival Yadav...the proverbial 'Jolly good fellow'*

and possesses a very safe pair of hands. To top it all, he is a great teammate which is an aspect of vital importance where team spirit is concerned.

And what about the other side of Shival Yadav?—Shival, as I know him, is the proverbial 'Jolly good fellow' who

loves music, going for movies and dancing. He is a casual sort of a guy and his taste in clothing tells the same story of him.

He speaks quite good English (contrary to what most believe), doesn't smoke and is a law-abiding, God-fearing citizen. In fact, recently, when he went to Tirupati, he returned with his head shaved bald! (As if one bald pate in the team was not enough!)

Shival has a keen sense of humour and he idolises Javed Miandad whom he impersonates to near perfection. Javed's style, speech, mannerism? Few could do better than our do-alike.

And during the series against Pakistan, Shival once went up to Miandad and spoke to him in an imitation of the latter's own voice. Javed for a moment was at a nonplus, but he recovered in a jiffy and amidst the chorus of approvals, paid Shival back in his own coin by answering in a reproduction of Shival's Hyderabad accent!

Off the field, in personal life, Shival is great company and a fine person to have around. There's nothing hanky-panky about him and he is not what one might call "a fair weather friend".

That then, is Shival Yadav for you—the guy who greets you with open arms, wearing his heart on his sleeve for all the world to see!

## Indian lads in West Indies

IN the 16 member Indian Schools cricket team touring Trinidad and Tobago, there are at least four players who are India material. They are skipper Maninder Singh, who poses a threat to Ravi Shastri, leg-spinner L. Shivaramakrishnan who made sensational debut for Tamil Nadu against Delhi in the knockout rounds of the Ranji Trophy, Chetan Sharma, the Chandigarh lad who is a Kapil Dev in the making, and Syed Saba Karim of Bihar, who is a classical batsman and tidy wicket-keeper.

The last two missed the tour of England last year. Others who toured England and were there in the last Cooch Behar Trophy were found overage for the current tour.

The team is well tuned up having had the benefit of expert coaching during a 20 day camp in Lucknow. Chandu Borda, the chairman of the National Junior Selection Committee and manager of the last Indian junior team to England, was in charge of the coaching. He was assisted by Desh Prem Azad, who has done great work in Chandigarh, helping along players like Kapil Dev, Vedraj, Ashok Malhotra.

A lot of combing was done. About 55 players were called. They were pruned down to 33, who were later joined by Maninder and Shivaramakrishnan after they were through with the Ranji Trophy. Five practice matches for selection were held and from which the team was finalised.

The batting is led by Kalyani, Hemant

Tipnis and Nareish Churi, the last two from Bombay, Syed Karim, Rajinder Singh, Ashok Thakur and Shrivastava Chetan Sharma, a right-hand medium-pacer, opens the attack with Pune lad Randolph Daniels a left-arm medium-pacer, with Raju Jadeja of Gujarat, being the third medium-pacer. The spin department is well stocked with Maninder, Shivaramakrishnan, Pujara, Mahash Mehta, Tipnis and Churi around.

The following is the team which is sent by the Schools Games Federation of India

Maninder Singh (captain) and Ashok Thakur (both Delhi), Shivaramakrishnan (Tamil Nadu), Hemant Tipnis and Nareish Churi (both Bombay), Randolph Daniels and Shrikant Kalyani (both Maharashtra), Anurag Shrivastava, Deepak Bhardwaj (both U.P.), Syed Saba Karim (Bihar), Chetan Sharma and Rajinder Singh and Sanjeev Agarwal (all Haryana), Mahash Mehta, Rajesh Jadeja and Bipin Pujara (Gujarat).

Chandu Borda is the manager and P.R. Chauhan the asstt manager.

SW Correspondent



*Chandu Borda (left) coaching the school boys in batting. At right, Desh Prem Azad offers a few bowling tips*

# Maharashtra in magnitude

**L**IKE me Maharashtra had to prove that their triumph in the National Championship was not a fluke. Having hit up colossal totals on our way to secure the prestigious Ranji Trophy, we had to live up to our reputation. The acid test came in the very first round when we started the defence of our title. We were pitted against Bombay, former champions and a great side.

The venue again favoured us. It was our own Poona Club ground. Runs were there for the taking. All one needed was patience, grit and freedom from committing mistakes. Batting first, Maharashtra were given a splendid start by the openers Bhandarkar and Sohoni. They seemed to continue where they had left off in the previous year's final. The first wicket fell at 204. Sohoni, who had missed his century in their last stand, duly got it this time. He made 120. It was Bhandarkar's turn to fall short of it by 9 runs. I made merry with 76 and looked set for a hundred when Bombay's wicketkeeper Hindlekar held a marvellous catch to dismiss me. He almost plucked it from my bat. But then Hindlekar was the best wicketkeeper India has produced. His work behind the wicket was neat, clean and unobtrusive. He made it up by his chatter and wit. Never ruffled, his jolly nature was in direct contrast to his dour batting. He had however once had his composure shaken by a postal official. As Hindlekar was unable to participate in a match in the off-season, he went to a post office in Bombay to send a telegram to that effect. On seeing the famous name at the end of the text of the telegram, the official enquired where India's well-known 'keeper was.

On being told that the official was talking to him in person, the former's first action was one of frank disbelief. Notwithstanding his skill and grace on the field, Dattu, when in the mufti, was a small, almost non-descript man. The postal official with the suspicious nature of his tribe looked at Dattu, as if the latter was affixing reused postal stamps and gave poor Hindlekar a verbal barrage. Just when India's wicket-keeper found himself on a sticky wicket, a friend then just happened to come in and saved him!

Refusing to give in, Bombay despite the early loss of Hindlekar before a run was on the board, fought grimly. Kenny fought patiently. Coming into bat at the fall of the second day's play, Kenny batted right through the play on the third day and when finally Sohoni bowled him on the fourth morning, his monumental innings was worth 67. Vijay Merchant, the Bombay captain, duly entered his customary century till I bowled him for 109.

Rangnekar, having transferred to the opposition, gave us a sound hiding and

scored a double deckered hundred. He seemed to go on till the winning hit was made. But after reaching 200, two things intervened to cause his downfall. He wanted to change his wet gloves but decided to postpone the issue till the end of the over. But while playing a stroke, he mislaid it because of the moist gloves and spooned up a catch which Sohoni gleefully accepted. Rangnekar must have then recalled the school-boy story in which for want of a nail, the horse, the battle and finally the kingdom were all lost!

Another incident contributing to this mishap was that an enthusiast ran on to the field to congratulate Khandu. He showed so much affection for his favourite that he planted a kiss on the sweat-tinged cheeks of his hero. This was too much even for the bold



*Hazare pulling a ball to leg*

Rangnekar who was frankly embarrassed. The generation gap is clearly shown by Baig and Patel who after a couple of decades later accepted such adulation without flinching. In their cases the admirers were of the fair sex. Rangnekar was born a little too soon!

Despite Bombay's heroic attempt, Maharashtra had the last word. Bombay's answer fell short by 25 runs when their last man Havewala skied me to Deodhar who made no mistake and pocketed both the ball and the match. Bombay made 650. For the first time in the history of cricket, had both the sides totalled over 600 in their first innings. It was really a Homeric tussle, epic in duration and endurance. Only on the fifth afternoon was a first innings result reached. The rules in force at the time were that the first innings by both the sides should be completed for ascertaining the winner.

Now Maharashtra's detractors were openly saying that all our five wins were/

possible only because we had played all these ties on the Poona Club wicket. The first taste of a strange wicket would be our undoing. The next fixture against Gujarat was to take place at Ahmedabad. They had a matting wicket to which we were not used. We decided to confound the prophets of doom. We also chose an auspicious occasion. During the course of the match, our skipper Deodhar was celebrating his birthday. He was completing his half century of years. Maharashtra serenely continuing in the old vein totalled over 500. Sohoni and I completed our centuries to give the skipper a birthday present of a convincing win to answer the doubting Thomases. The opponents had two matting wicket specialists in paceman Balooch and the left-handed slow spinner Chhipa who was fresh from a match-winning performance against the Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) tourists at the Brabourne Stadium. We won easily despite Mushtaq Ali's century for the home side.

Sohoni, our mainstay of that season, was excellently supported by Bhajekar and the pair gave us a start of 76. But we were soon in trouble and were 118 for 2. Deodhar who promoted himself above me, unfortunately was bowled cheaply. I joined Sohoni and we dug ourselves in. Some of the local supporters also believed in the idea of literally digging. At night somebody reported prowlers on the ground. We were staying just opposite the ground. The umpires who were luckily at hand intervened and set the matters right.

This incident made Sohoni and me all the more determined. We batted right through the day and in the process, Sohoni completed a fighting and well-deserved double century. His 218 was the highest of his career and a real match-winning knock. He remained there till the winning run was scored. I kept him company throughout. My score at the finish was 164. Our partnership for the fourth wicket yielded 342, which was the highest for any wicket in India at that time. Our unfinished stand enabled Maharashtra to knock up a huge score of 460 for only 3 wickets. Maharashtra once again had got the better of their familiar opponents and in the enemy territory too! There seemed to be no stopping us in that mood, come what may - the batsman's paradise at the Poona Club or the grave digger's haunt at Rajkot!

Back in our yard, Maharashtra had a run riot against Northern India. We broke all previous records to set a new high of 798. Three of our men topped the ton. Bhajekar a patient 120 (he batted whole day), Prof. Deodhar a solid 196 and the paceman Jadhav a swash-buckling 115 shared the man-of-the-match honours while Sohoni and I made a fifty apiece. The visitors replied with a score

at over 400. Their captain Ramprakash (Mehra), later to become a president of the Crl-control Board fought valiantly to remain unbeaten with 209 and was helped by Mohmed Sharif who completed his century.

I had to produce something special if we were to stay in the hunt. Sarwate supported me well before he was bowled by a beauty from Venkatesan, his counterpart in the opposing side. I had a slice of luck but I soon reached 50. With only the tail-enders to support me, I had to adopt aggressive methods. I attacked the bowling. My technique of playing forward helped me in smothering the spin of the ball and I reached my century. Whereas, my first 50 had taken me 108 minutes, my second 50 needed only 45 minutes—that is more than a run a minute. I recall that I hit 10 fours in my second half century as against a solitary one in the first fifty.

Shinde making his first class debut, batted like a veteran. Encouraged by his fighting spirit, I continued in the same vein and our stand for the last wicket enabled us to total 284, a very valuable lead of 139. It was I who was out in the end while gallant Shinde carried his bat for 22. This innings of mine realised 137. It was not faultless but I suppose it was the most valuable of my career equalling in importance my knock against Southern Punjab.

The homeside fared better in the second venture. The wicket suddenly seemed to have lost the devil. Led by Ramsing, my partner in the Lahore earthquake episode, the Madras batsmen totalled 347. We were aided by 'dame fortune' a little in one of the dismissals. Gopalan the local hero was going great guns and hit a six. He received a garland of roses from an enthusiastic fan. The elated batsman wanted to give the same treatment to the next ball. Jadhav, the bowler brushed his bowling arm against the umpire's sleeves when delivering his next ball. The batsman expecting a fast delivery was surprised at the change of pace caused by the little obstruction to Jadhav's bowling arm. Trying to repeat his feat, Gopalan mishit to give an easy catch. This time there were no rose garlands for him.

A Maharashtra innings that season scarcely looked complete without a century from opener Sohoni. This handsome batsman duly obliged with one in the second innings and Maharashtra had little difficulty in winning by 6 wickets. For the second year running we were the proud winners of the Ranji Trophy. While Sohoni was our mainstay in the batting, Chandu Sarwate was our trump card in bowling.

Sohoni got four centuries in the five matches we played on our way to winning the Urn. I came next with three while Deodhar had two. Sohoni totalled 655, I made 585 and Deodhar nearly 500. We three were together on the Australian tour after India's independence, Deodhar of course had gone as a press representative. Unfortunately Sohoni did little except continuing to look as handsome as ever. The well-known Australian writer Ray Robinson wrote that Sohoni, a handsome man,

with a smile that makes Robert Taylor's (a film idol from Hollywood) a grimace by comparison!

Maharashtra had done so extraordinarily well in the season that a 'Champions versus the Rest of India' fixture was specially arranged in the month of April. Maharashtra experienced staleness after their performances during the season and proved no match for the country's best. Replying to the opponent's huge total of 487, we were in the game for a while when Sohoni (that man again!) and I added 79. I had got set with 40. I then committed the mistake of flashing at an outgoing ball from fast bowler Bannerjee and Amarnath caught me splendidly in the slips. From then on we never recovered and went down tamely by 9 wickets, despite two brave knocks from our skipper. Sohoni got his hundred as was his wont that season. Finally he was run out—the only way he could have been claimed that day.

Once again, Hindus, the reigning champions, did not participate in the Pentangulars although it would have been the silver jubilee year of C.K. Nayudu's participation in the communal tournament. Actually he was invited to captain the Hindu side when Deodhar who was in top form had queried the appointment. Whether merit or sentiment was the guiding factor was the gist of his pertinent query. As the

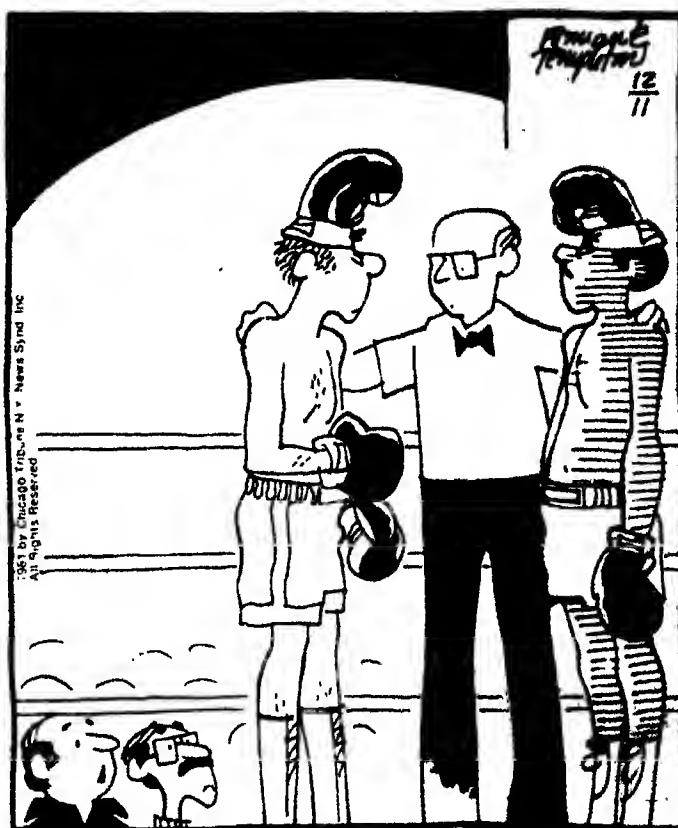
Hindus ultimately opted out the question remained unanswered. My side the Rest clashed against the Europeans. As if to punish them for keeping us out of the tournament so long, we thrashed them to total over 400. I scored my first century in the carnival when I made 182 against them. But for dropped catches we could easily have won by an innings.

In the final, the Muslims got the better of us. I disappointed everybody by failing in both the innings. Each time I was stumped off Amir Elahi, the slow leg-break bowler who had earlier toured England in 1938. Each time I was stumped by Dilawer Hussain when playing forward. In the second innings I very nearly escaped as the burly wicketkeeper actually held the ball but missed removing the balls. As bad luck would have it, the ball fell from his hands but on the stumps to send me dejectedly back. At once the news-hungry papers took this up as a 'duel' between Amir Elahi and me.

We had reached the top. The sun had been in ascendancy upto now. But the law of averages was due for a climb down. I followed suit which I shall reserve for the next part of my story.

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# Ability to adapt was his success

—By Ray Robinson—

**A**BILITY to adapt to different conditions in four countries was one of the main reasons for the success of leg-spinner Colin McCool, whose son Russel is launching on a cricket career.

If Russel makes the steep climb to Test ranking it will complete the first instance of father and son representing Australia since Ned Gregory's son Syd was chosen in 1890.

The game first appealed to the family when Colin Leslie McCool at Crown Street School was fascinated by a photograph of legendary Victor Trumper, who had attended the same school a couple of generations earlier.

Colin was 13 when newspaper reports of Tests against Percy Chapman's Englishmen in 1928-29 fired the interest of juniors playing on matting-over-concrete wickets in Moore Park within sight of Sydney Cricket Ground. For wicketkeeping they smeared the palms of leather gardening gloves with hot bitumen from roads.

The Junior Cricket Union recommended him as an all-rounder, to Paddington, which had been Trumper's club and where broadcaster Alan McGilvray was captain.

On his first-class debut at 24 for New South Wales against The Rest the first of his five catches was off Albert Cheetham's outswinger, dismissing Bradman, the player he had hero-worshipped since he wriggled through a hole in a fence to get Don's autograph.

## Mannerism

By closely observing the methods of others Colin developed a bowling style with a high left arm leading into a side-on action. I think a forefinger pointing upward was a mannerism, even if some thought it a challenge to lift the ball over the top.

His seven straight-legged steps to the crease looked almost like clockwork but there was nothing mechanical about his flight and turn.

His basic pace was slower than that of any leg-spinners seen in Australia nowadays.

It brought more contrast with the surprise of his flipper skidding through, his top-spinner hurrying on and his wrong'un nipping in.

His arm seldom got near vertical, as he found lower angles added to leg-breaks' deception.

The same height, 1.72m (5ft 7½in) as Neil Harvey and of chunky build, he made shortness an asset in varying trajectory.

A habitual half-smile confirmed to onlookers the pleasure cricket gave him, especially bowling.

Four years as a RAAF pilot flying north to island bases led to Colin moving to Brisbane where he qualified as a Queenslander.

Preceding his Test debut, his 16 wickets in two games before the first Test undermined the Englishmen's confidence against spin.

After Norman Yardley's dismissal of Bradman and Ian Johnson with consecutive balls in Melbourne brought McCool in facing a hat-trick, gambler John Wren said to a friend: "I'll give this fellow a pound for every run he makes." Next day his cheque for £104 rewarded Col's only Test century.



Colin McCool...a habitual half-smile confirmed the pleasure cricket gave him

Success as an allrounder assured Colin of a place in Bradman's team for the 1948 tour of England but spinning the ball tore a corn from the middle finger of his right hand, exposing raw flesh, which took at least a week to heal each time. He was never the same bowler again yet took more than 450 wickets in first-class games in the last dozen years of his 21-year career.

When England's cricket controllers brought in an experimental rule for a new ball every 55 six-ball overs he foresaw that paceman would push spinners into the background, send their Test team plunging to disaster against Lindwall, Miller, Johnston and Loxton and drastically diminish the number of balls cricket-goers would see hourly.

When Leonard (Jock) Livingstone was

hurt on a tour of India in 1956-57 he kept wickets in a few games.

By the time the team to tour England in 1953 was chosen he had already accepted a League contract to be East Lancashire's professional, followed by a switch to Stockport.

Because of a ruling that two years' residence in Somerset would be necessary to qualify for the county he travelled between Taunton and League grounds.

He knew that the pubs were buzzing over the decision to give a 40-year-old Australian a contract. The most common word in circulation was "has been".

## Philosophically

He had learnt years ago to take setbacks philosophically without loss of determination. He was helped when in his first county match he stored 30-odd runs, got a wicket and took over as wicketkeeper when Harold Stephenson broke a thumb.

In July he made himself the first Australian Test player to score a century 116, against his touring countrymen, part of an aggregate of 206 in the match.

His highest score, 172 for Queensland in Adelaide, was the only century in the match in which five other Test players batted, including Bradman.

He was a quick-footed batsman with a low grip on the longer handles then mostly used. He excelled at cutting and hooking.

Confirming his ability in English conditions, he made 7,912 runs, average 33, for the county and took 219 wickets, average 28. In 14 Tests, all in Australia, South Africa and New Zealand, he spun out 36 men, average 26, and scored 459 runs, average 34.9.

His career totals in 286 matches were 602 wickets for 16,542, average 27, 12,420 runs, average 32 and 54 catches.

After four years in Sydney first-grade cricket Russel was 22 when he went to England in April on an invitation to Somerset. Under a new rule allowing a county only one overseas professional Somerset have Viv Richards but Russel is qualified by birth, having been born in Taunton while the family lived there.

Aware that having the name of a successful father puts unfair pressure on a young player, Colin says Russel has to make his own career. He is determined not to be a pushful father, though he is happy to watch him play and answer any questions his son asks.

# Northern trio play politics

**I**T is one thing for the public and the press to air their views on selections but quite another for officials to take their own colleagues to task

It is simply not done. Not cricket, as they say

Shocking though it is, the extraordinary step of I.S. Bindra, president, Punjab Cricket Association, Kamlesh Sharma, president, Delhi and District Cricket Association, and P. Mahlal, secretary, Railway Sports Control Board, in calling a press conference and accusing the Cricket Board's selection of blatant partiality, is not surprising really

These are men who are not exactly distinguished for their knowledge of the game. They do not even seem to be familiar with its conventions. Nor do they seem to care. Else, they wouldn't have acted as they did

Under the circumstances, little purpose would be served by discussing their scandalous allegations in detail

The team may not meet with universal approval—no team can—but it was chosen by a duly constituted committee to which the captain and manager had been co-opted and the Board secretary was the convenor

So even if there were errors of omission and commission, the committee's decisions need to be accepted with grace, at least by those who are part of the Board

If some officials felt that the selection committee had erred grievously or shown partiality, the proper course for them would be to take up the matter with the Board and have the selectors sacked

What the trio from North have done is to take the issue to the streets. Worse, they have indulged in blatant regionalism while accusing the selectors of the same

Almost all the players whose cause they have seemingly championed are from the North: Mohinder Amarnath, Rakesh Shukla, Gursharan Singh, Maninder Singh and Ved Raj

(Am well aware that Ved Raj plays in the Central Zone but then Railways have their headquarters in Delhi and their man too is stationed there)

How do the trio know that these players were not considered by the selectors and were left out for some reason or the other?

I cannot claim to have any knowledge of what transpired at the selection committee meeting but I can emphatically declare that performances in the Ranji Trophy can never be the sole criterion for selection

Where were Bindra, Sharma and Mahlal when Ashok Mankad was blasting every attack in the country?

Mankad has hit up over 500 runs in a season in the National championship five times. At the end of last season, he had 18 centuries to his credit and his 265 in last year's final against Delhi was a classic

Yet, few had suggested that Mankad should be recalled for the recent series with England. His limitations in the higher class were well known

So are Mohinder's. How can anyone forget the manner in which he crashed on to the wicket trying to fend off a bouncer after his recall to a Bombay Test against Australia in 1979-80?

Then and there one could sense that Mohinder's Test career was at an end. Had he not been so impatient to get back to the Test arena by producing medical certificates, he might well have made a successful come back

## Rebuild

After being hit on the head more than once, Mohinder, brave though he certainly was, needed to rebuild his confidence by playing in a few matches at the lower levels

Indeed, I would go so far as to say that the selectors, many of whom continue in the present committee, should have counselled patience instead of giving Mohinder the nod and thus putting his career at stake

Would the selectors and the skipper have allowed Mohinder's come back bid with no regard to prove his fitness and form save the medical certificate if they had been blatantly partial as the Northern trio allege?

It must be recalled that should Mohinder play in a Test again the opposition would be quick to exploit his vulnerability against the bouncer, as it has been doing with Madan Lal, helmet or no helmet

Mohinder is still a fine batsman but his runs against Tamil Nadu were made against an attack which had just one ordinary medium pacer, with Srikkanth for support at the other end

Karnataka's pace attack was only slightly better and the final was played on a batsman's paradise where one team scored 75 and the other surpassed it.

So, the Ranji performances do not convey much. In any case they cannot form the sole criterion for selection

More pertinent, as I had said last week is Mohinder's showing in the 1979 tour of England when he scored 41 runs in two Tests and obtained two wickets

As I had also said, if we were to include Mohinder, Brijesh Patel and other seasoned campaigners who perform well in domestic cricket, we would be having the 1977 team. It was not much good then and can perform little better now

As for Rakesh Shukla, only those who haven't the foggiest notion of the needs of a team touring England in the first half of the summer can recommend a legspinner

I have the highest admiration for Shukla and have often wished he had been given a chance at home. England is not the place for him. The conditions will be totally against him

Incidentally, I had said in my last piece that I wish Gursharan and Maninder had found a place

Come to think of it, the extraordinary press conference appears to have been called not so much to champion any player's cause as to embarrass the Board

The Northern trio are known to be vocal in the Board and thanks to at least some of them Wing Commander Durrani, who was also to echo their views, went as the manager of the Indian team to Australia even though he had had little association with cricket

The trio have claimed that they want to cleanse the Board. What they are doing, however, is to play politics. Dirty politics

## Quotes

"I would be very sad indeed if the only genuine confrontation involving our Olympic heroes (Coe and Ovett) should be in foreign lands"

—Denis Howell,  
(Britain Sports Minister)

"We do not believe that money is the biggest criterion in being the best championships in the world. Atmosphere, charisma and a marvellous media coverage makes it a huge success that it is today"

—Sir Brian Burnett,  
(Chairman, Wimbledon Championship Committee on raising the prize money this year)

"Why should I risk the humiliation of losing while trying to get into this tournament? I have won five times already"

—Bryan Borg  
"What? because when I was a barn again—Christian, someone thought Cliff could help me—we have a lot in common"

—Tennis ace Sue Barker,  
(on rumours of being linked with Cliff Richard)

## The teenaged world champ

**J**AHANGIR KHAN as the name suggests set out to conquer the world. His globe was confined to four walls situated in various parts of Europe, America and Asia. The world of squash has fallen before him; he has shrugged off the challenge of Hunt, Zaman and Co. with the nonchalant ease of a truly great player.

Jahangir began his demolition job in Toronto where he beat Hunt in the final of the World Open. This year he looks unbeatable. He annihilated the world's number four, Maqsood Ahmed 9-0-9-0 in a shade under 25 minutes. That was only a few weeks ago. He has since outplayed Hiddy Jahan and Qamar Zaman in almost the same vein. The sad part of this is that Geoff Hunt was



**Jahangir Khan**

seeded to meet Jahangir in the respective finals but it does look as if Father Time has (at last) caught up with this magnificent athlete. Hunt has eight British Open titles under his belt—that in itself is a remarkable record. His success last year took him one ahead of the legendary Hashim Khan and will take some time to better.

At 35, Hunt is finding the pace a bit hot. He was recently rather surprisingly beaten by the Swede, Lars Kvent.

## Hope for future

**M**AURICE HOPE, Britain's former world light middle weight champion, starts out on a new career: a quest for a future world champion.

Hope announced he was becoming a boxing manager after declaring his retirement following his defeat by Luigi Minichillo at Wembley Arena.

His wife Pat said: "I never knew anything about boxing until I met Maurice but I learned to love the sport."

And now he's going to be a manager. I'm glad it will enable us to keep in touch with all the friends we have made.



**Ghulam Parkar who has been selected to tour England with the Indian team was married to Lubna in Bombay last week.**

ranked only 14th in the world. Zaman and Hiddy Jahan have also recorded victories over the Australian this month.

In this year's British Open, the powerful Jahan appeared to be the only threat to Jahangir on current form. He does tend to be erratic and has an unenviable record of not closing the gate when the cows are in the corral. And yet, with his brute force, he is capable of knocking over the world's best.

But Jahangir, the teenaged world champion, took only 76 minutes to beat

Jahan 9-2-10-9-9-3 in an all-Pakistan men's final.

On pedigree alone, Jahangir is streets ahead. With the likes of Rehmat and Hashim in the family, he has quite a reputation to live up to. The king Hashim rarely says very much. Cousin Rahmat is, however, the friend, mentor and guide to the 18-year-old wonder boy of squash. He said: "I used to play Jahangir—and beat him. Now he is almost unbeatable. It is like running away from a fast train when you go in there against him."

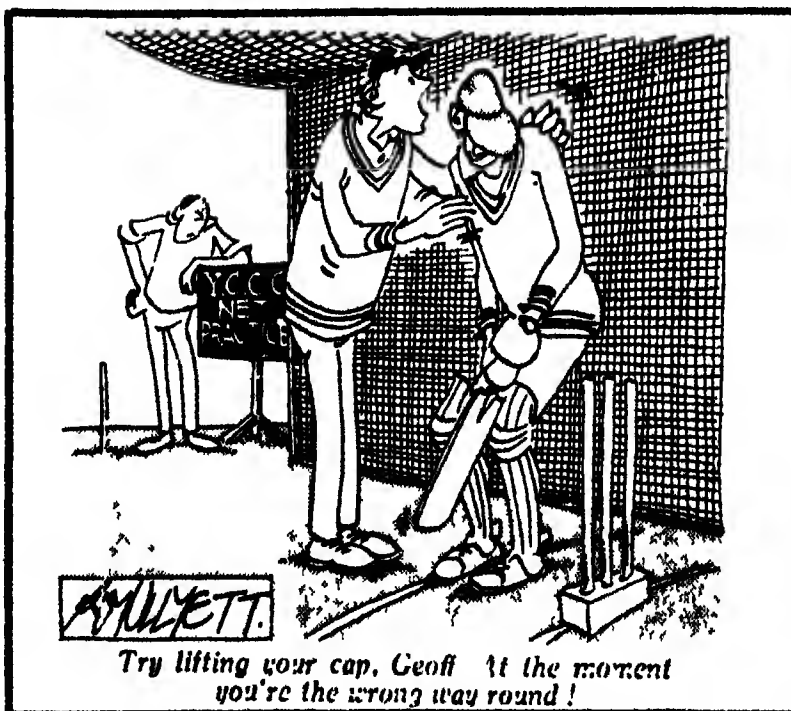
**RAJU CHAINANI**

## Boycott returns but refuses to talk

**G**EOFF BOYCOTT returned to Headingley for Yorkshire's pre-season training but refused to discuss his future at the county.

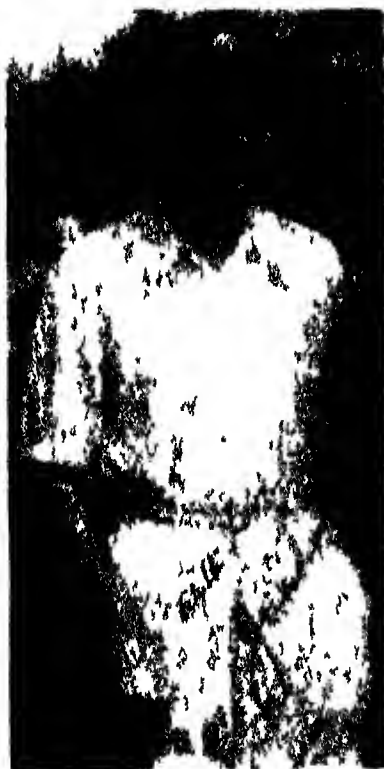
Manager Ray Illingworth said: "There

is no denying we have problems here. They will not disappear by waving a magic wand. The important thing is that we must all start playing cricket in the best interests of the club."



*Try lifting your cap, Geoff. At the moment you're the wrong way round!*





*Vijay Merchant 'twas the start to one of his best seasons*

**B**Y the start of the 1943-44 season the threat of war extending to India had practically disappeared and all the teams—Bombay C P & Berar Gujarat Madras Northern India North West Frontier Province and Southern Punjab returned to the competition. However North West Frontier Province later withdrew Rajputana in the North Zone did not enter and their place was taken up by Gwalior.

Bombay marked their action defeat of Baroda the champions straight away in the opening match of the season at Bombay. It was a drawn match with Bombay getting a favourable verdict on their first innings lead. Hazare and C S Nayudu bowling excellently dismissed half the Bombay side for 89 runs but captain Vijay Merchant and the dashing left hander Rengnekar retrieved the situation with a partnership of 190 runs. The tussle between the top notchers in batting and bowling was quite absorbing with the Bombay pair coming out triumphant in the end. Rengnekar left after batting four hours for 98 runs while Merchant crossed the hundred and was eventually out for 141 runs after a stay of 345 minutes.

Another stand of 144 runs for the ninth wicket between R S Cooper and M N Rajji who scored 73 and 81 enabled Bombay to reach the comfortable score of 487 runs. Though Garudachar who had shifted from Bangalore to Bombay bowled J B Khot for a duck fine batting by R B

## Absorbing tussle between Bombay and Baroda

Nimbalkar(65) and Hemu Adhikari(79)—they added 123 for the second wicket—followed by a fighting century by Vijay Hazare built up a solid score when a hat-trick by Khot bowling with the second new ball brought the Baroda innings to a swift end—from 195 for three to 297. Khot's victims were Vivek Hazare C S Nayudu and M S Indulkar all clean bowled. He finished with five for 113. Garudachar took two for 55 while leg-spinner Sarwate who played his part in the later collapse with three for 42. To Hazare who scored 101 and C S Nayudu who took seven for 166 Baroda's exit marked the end of the season. The match was watched by a record crowd.

To Vijay Merchant on the other hand it was the start of one of his best seasons. In his next match against Maharashtra he displayed all the qualities for which he had become famous: patience, discretion and judicious stroke-play to score an unbeaten 359 runs which was to become his best in the competition. Incidentally, he overhauled his batting rival Vijay Hazare's unbeaten 316 in 1939-40. Once again it was Merchant with the association of Ravi Modi that rescued Bombay from the poor state of 90 for five. When Modi left with a score of 163 runs made in 360 minutes—he hit 19 fours—the pair had added 371 runs for the sixth wicket. Merchant then had Cooper's company to add another 210 runs for the eighth wicket. Cooper scored (89) while Merchant carried his bat when Bombay were all out for 735 runs. Merchant's innings lasted 640 minutes; he hit 31 fours. S G Shinde the Maharashtrian leg spinner put in a marathon bowling effort of 75.5.10.186.5. After their long toil in the field Maharashtra fell for 298 runs though there were fighting knocks by Sohoni (43), Vinoo Mankad(48), Dattu Phadkar (80) and M N Paranipe (49). Bombay's



*Vinoo Mankad...a fine knock after toiling for long in the field*

new acquisition Garudachar bowling cutters bagged five for 104.

In the West Zone final Western India for whom Prithviraj(174) and Umer Khan(136) were associated in a brilliant stand of 313 runs in 343 minutes for the third wicket paid Bombay in their own coin so to say. Though Modi scored 128, there was only a modest 53 by Merchant, the pair adding 128 runs for third wicket after which Bombay were all out for 255 runs. Saeed Ahmed right-arm medium-paced bowler took four for 57 and Jayantilal five for 74. Then came Western India's reply of 363 for four wickets after which Bombay gave up the struggle and enabled the former to win on first innings scores.

Bowlers had the upper hand in another West Zone match between Sind and Gujarat. From 100 for three Gujarat collapsed for 120 runs before the bowling of V K Samtani(four for 40) and J Parsram(six for 24) both medium-pacers. M J Bhatt(six for 49) and J Patel(three for 32) hit back to dismiss Sind for 175 runs. Gujarat's small lead of 55 runs proved unavailing when in the second innings they collapsed for 136 before the spin bowling of off-spinner S K Gopalan who took six for 48. Sind then collapsed to nine wickets. Sind however lost on first innings scores to Western India which had earlier defeated Nawanagar on their lead on first innings. Saeed Ahmed who had taken six wickets against Nawanagar had match figures of 10 for 71—six for 45 in the first innings—

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against Sind. He combined accuracy with the ability to make the ball hurry off the pitch.

The brilliance of master and disciple C K Nayudu and Mushtaq Ali not only provided the home crowd fine entertainment but also brought Holkar a big 299 run victory over United Provinces in the East Zone match played at Indore. C K scored 102 runs in just 150 minutes in Holkar's first innings of 222. Mushtaq Ali hit up 163 - 20 fours and added with R B Nimbalkar another hard hit 54. 176 runs in only 115 minutes for the third wicket. Nayudu did not rest after his fine effort with the bat as he took four wickets in each of UP's innings of 116 and 227. He gave away only 33 and 37 runs.

Bihar thanks to a splendid 101 not out by S Banerjee rallied in the second innings against Bengal not only in batting but also in bowling but as the match was drawn Bengal was declared winners on first innings lead. Scores Bihar 159 and 261 for seven dec; Bengal 249 and 88 for eight.

A new star was born in Probr Sen, wicketkeeper batsman, when he scored a brilliant 142 for Bengal against Holkar. Sen, who won Test fame later, added 162 runs with Nirmal Chatterjee (79) for the third wicket. Bengal after scoring 387 dismissed Holkar for 138 and 266, missing an innings win narrowly. K Bhattacharjee bowled very accurately to bag six for 26 in the first innings. Bengal won by ten wickets.

Led by the veterans M L Gopalan and Safi Darasha, the Madras-Mysore match in the South Zone proved a tussle for the first innings lead. A Ethinder (81), B Frank (a brilliant 86) for Mysore and left handers A G Ram Singh (80) and F F Richardson (64), an American who had taken to cricket, were the batting successes of the match. Gopalan (3), Rangachari (3) and Ram Singh (4) shared all the 10 Mysore wickets which fell for 359 runs in similar style. Darashah (2), Frank (4) and M B Rama Rao (3) disposed off Madras, who clinched a six run lead during the last wicket partnership of M C Srinivasan and Rangachari. Madras were lagging 37 runs behind when they came together.

Ghulam Ahmed, S R Mehta, both off-spinners, and Bharat Chand bowled finely to dismiss C P & Berar for 166 and 93 runs and thus enabled Hyderabad to win the match by the narrow margin of 10 runs. Hyderabad fell for 160 and 109 against the bowling of S Lokhande and S A Lateef, who took seven for 54 and seven for 79 for the match. However, the efforts of all the bowlers fell short of Ghulam Ahmed - five for 54 and four for 41. But Hyderabad lost in the South Zone final against Madras on first innings score. Only the solidity of Ram Singh (89) and the effort of newcomer A Ananthanarayan (101) prevented Madras from a collapse after losing four wickets cheaply. Ultimately Madras finished at 349, after which Rangachari struck

deadly form with his cutters to help dismiss Hyderabad for 193. He took five for 64. The match then ended in a draw—Madras 191 and Hyderabad 141 for two in the second innings.

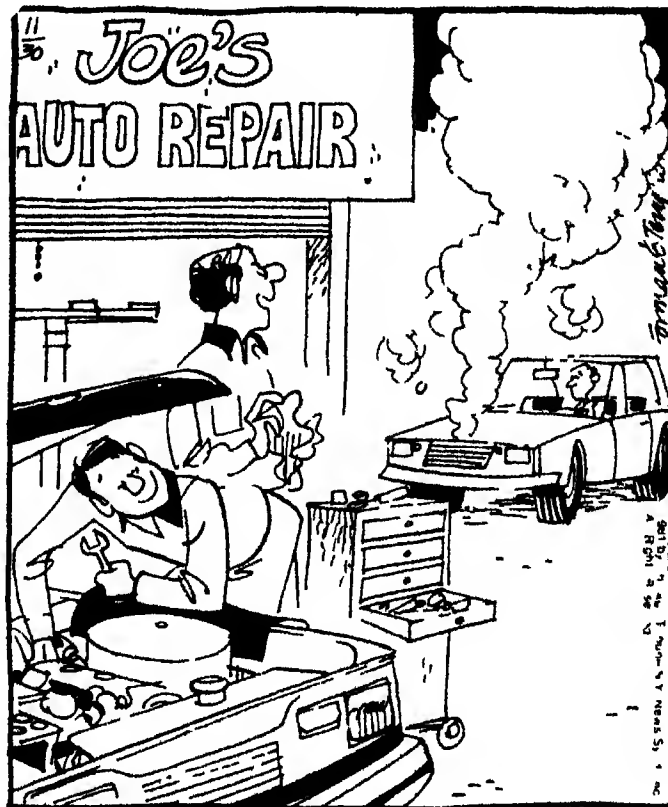
The outstanding performances in the North Zone were Idris Bag's fine 106 for Delhi against new team Gwalior, for whom Dayashankar produced a fine spell of six for 57 runs in the first innings. Lala Amarnath's allround effort four for 18 and 148 for Southern Punjab against Delhi, and Shah abuddin's five for 31 in the Delhi second innings. Raja Bhalinder Singh's 109-run knock for Southern Punjab and Amarnath's brilliant bowling in the second innings (five for 29) against Northern India, who won on first innings scores, earlier Northern India had got a walk over from NWFP.

Maturing through experience, Ram Singh bowled brilliantly in the semifinal against Bengal. Played on a soft Calcutta turf, he got seven wickets in each innings for 104 and 90 runs respectively. Only fighting knocks by A Jabbar (80) and K Bhattacharjee (67)—they added 121 for the fifth wicket in the first innings and a beautiful 112 by Nirmal Chatterjee enabled Bengal to

raise 235 and 266 runs. Madras collapsed for 102 against the deadly seam bowling of S Banerjee, who took five for 27, supported by B Mitter (three for 23) in the second innings. Bhattacharjee touched great form and though Madras had some hope when Richardson (62) and Gopalan (76) were together—they added 130 for the sixth wicket—ultimately they lost the match by 134 runs. Bhattacharjee's figures were seven for 83. The off-break bowling of Shantilal, who took six for 37, was a big factor in Western India's seven wicket win over Northern India in the other semifinal. Northern India made 145 and 283 while Western India had 254 and 175 for three.

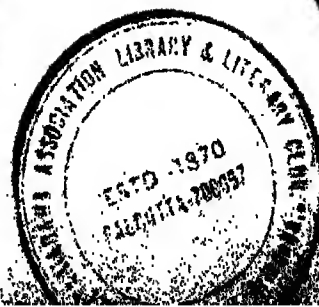
Western India then beat Bengal in the final by the convincing margin of an innings and 23 runs. Bengal made 234 and 176 and Western India 433 in their only innings. Shantilal once again touched fine form, taking six for 50 in Bengal's first innings while Saeed Ahmed and Purshotam, with four wickets each, did the damage in the second. G Kishenchand was a lone star shining with a fine 111 run-knock when Western India batted. This was Western India's first championship victory in which the batting of Kishenchand (412 runs) and Prithviraj (408), the allround skill of Saeed Ahmed (169 runs and 28 wickets) and Shantilal (221 and 18 wickets) played no mean part.

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The West German soccer team, who won the World Cup in Spain in 1982. From left to right: Rudi Voller, Bernd Bransch, Hans-Joachim Watzke, Rainer Bonhoff, Hans-Joachim Watzke, Rainer Bonhoff, Hans-Joachim Watzke, Rainer Bonhoff, Hans-Joachim Watzke, Rainer Bonhoff.

## Century stands in Test cricket: Part 3

# Partnerships of 3-ton and more

**T**HE 316-run Viswanath-Yashpal stand at Madras provides the 26th and latest instance of a batting pair compiling a partnership of 300 or more in Test cricket. They are listed hereunder in descending order of the highest run-aggregate.

(1) 451 for the second wicket between Bill Ponsford and Don Bradman for Australia vs England at The Oval in 1934. The top second wicket stand (or for that matter for any wicket) in Test cricket.

(2) 446 for the second wicket between Conrad Hunte and Gary Sobers for West Indies vs Pakistan at Kingston in 1957-58. West Indies's highest for any wicket-position in Tests.

(3) 413 for the first wicket between Vinoo Mankad and Pankaj Roy for India vs New Zealand at Madras in 1955-56. The top first wicket stand in Test cricket and India's highest for any wicket position.

(4) 411 for the fourth wicket between Peter May and Colin Cowdrey for England vs West Indies at Birmingham in 1957. The top fourth wicket stand in Test cricket and England's highest for any wicket position.

(5) 405 for the fifth wicket between Syd Barnes and Don Bradman for Australia vs England at Sydney in 1946-47. The top fifth wicket stand in Test cricket.

(6) 399 for the fourth wicket between Gary Sobers and Frank Worrell for West Indies vs England at Bridgetown in 1959-60. West Indies's best for the fourth wicket against any country.

(7) 388 for the fourth wicket between Bill Ponsford and Don Bradman for Australia vs England at Leeds in 1934. Australia's best for the fourth wicket in Tests.

(8) 387 for the first wicket between Glenn Turner and Terry Jarvis for New Zealand vs West Indies at Georgetown in 1971-72. New Zealand's highest for any wicket position.

(9) 382 for the second wicket between Len Hutton and Maurice Leyland for England vs Australia at The Oval in 1938. England's best for the second wicket in Tests.

(10) 382 for the first wicket between Bill Lawry and Bob Simpson for Australia vs West Indies at Bridgetown in 1964-65. Australia's best for the first wicket against any country.

(11) 370 for the third wicket between Bill Edrich and Denis Compton for England vs South Africa at Lord's in

1947. The top third wicket stand in Test cricket.

(12) 369 for the second wicket between John Edrich and Ken Barrington for England vs New Zealand at Leeds in 1965. Highest for any wicket position by either side in any Test between England and New Zealand.

(13) 359 for the first wicket between Len Hutton and Cyril Washbrook for England vs South Africa at Johannesburg in 1948-49. England's best for the first wicket against any country.

(14) 350 for the fourth wicket between Mushtaq Mohammad and Asif Iqbal for Pakistan vs New Zealand at Dunedin in 1972-73. Pakistan's highest for any wicket position in Tests.



**Vivian Richards a solid 232 on his first appearance against England**

(15) 347 for the seventh wicket between Denis Atkinson and Clairmont Depeiza for West Indies vs Australia at Bridgetown in 1954-55. The top seventh wicket stand in Test cricket.

(16) 346 for the sixth wicket between Jack Fingleton and Don Bradman for Australia vs England at Melbourne in 1936-37. The top sixth wicket stand in Test cricket.

(17) 344 (unfinished) for the second wicket between Sunil Gavaskar and Dilip Vengsarkar for India vs West Indies at Calcutta in 1978-79. India's best for the second wicket against any country.

(18) 341 for the third wicket between

Eddie Barlow and Graeme Pollock for South Africa vs Australia at Adelaide in 1963-64. South Africa's highest for any wicket position in Tests.

(19) 338 for the third wicket between Everton Weekes and Frank Worrell for West Indies vs England at Port of Spain in 1953-54. West Indies's best for the third wicket.

(20) 336 for the fourth wicket between Bill Lawry and Doug Walters for Australia vs West Indies at Sydney in 1968-69. Highest for the fourth wicket by either side in any Test between Australia and West Indies.

(21) 223 for the first wicket between Jack Hobbs and Wilfred Rhodes for England vs Australia at Melbourne in 1911-12. Highest for the first wicket by either side in any Test between the two countries.

(22) 313 for the third wicket between Alan Melville and Dudley Nourse for South Africa vs England at Nottingham in 1947. South Africa's highest for any wicket position against England.

(23) 316 for the third wicket between Gundappa Viswanath and Yashpal Sharma for India vs England at Madras in 1981-82. India's best for the third wicket against any country.

(24) 308 for the seventh wicket between Waqar Hussar and Imraz Ahmed for Pakistan vs New Zealand at Lahore in 1957-58. Pakistan's best for the seventh wicket in Tests.

(25) 304 for the third wicket between Vivian Richards and Alvin Kallicharran for West Indies vs England at Nottingham in 1976. The only 300-plus partnership in which one of the two partners failed to complete a century (Kallicharran 97), revealing the absolute dominance of his partner Vivian Richards in the tremendous 232 with 4 sixes and 31 fours on first appearance vs England.

(26) 301 for the second wicket between Arthur Morris and Don Bradman for Australia vs England at Leeds in 1948. The famous stand when Morris (20 fours in 182) and Bradman (29 fours in 173 not out) saved the clock at breakfast to get to 404 in the fourth innings to win by only 333 minutes and that on a bouncy, lively and fast deteriorating pitch. It will forever remain intrinsically the most valuable, technically the most perfect, and aesthetically the finest, though numerically the least, of all the 300-plus stands in Test annals.

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# ASC—A Superb Come-back

**I**n the lengthening shadows cast by the dipping sun on April 7 the rugged robust and rejoicing Jullundur team Army Service Corps held the Bombay Gold Cup trophy after five long years and their sentiments were echoed vociferously by a crowd of thousands who cheered ASC and its dynamic hard working skipper Vincent Lakra former Olympian who proudly held aloft the glittering prize

The headquarters of the Bombay Hockey Association the organisers of the 28th Bombay Gold Cup hockey tournament and the huge crowd did not witness a final that was as nail biting and fast in recent years as the ASC Mahindra final tie

With the local Mahindra and Mahindra drawing most of the backing from the stands they drove on relentlessly a one flowing wave and had the Jullundur defence cowering inside their own sentence but akin to a cornered feline ASC extricated themselves by holding tenaciously and crawled back into the offensive

ASC have built their striking line more on speed and stamina. Their ability to suddenly draw the rival defence out and then thrust through the exposed chinks make them a most formidable foe indeed

The regular work horse Vincent Lakra who normally plays on the inside right position is so versatile that at one moment he could be on the left flank and the next on the centre half position. Vincent it was who drove his forwards with brilliant passes that split the

Mahindra defence to expose a nervous Michael Fernandes in the goal

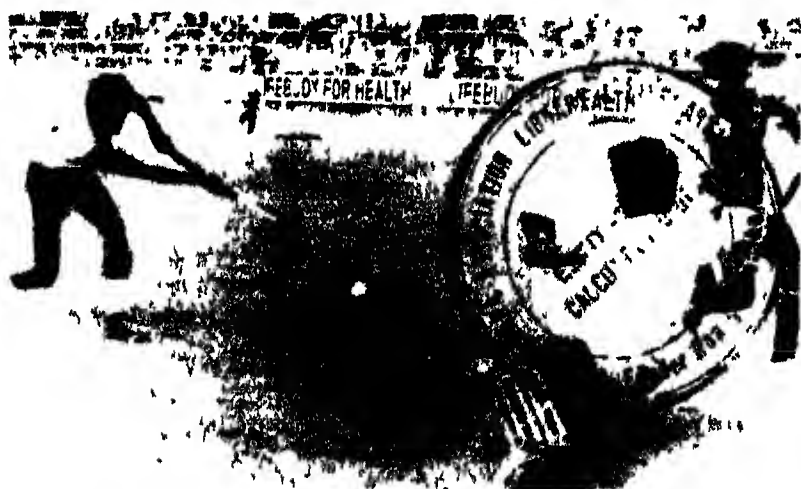
Assisted ably by right winger Aiyanna the ebullient centre forward Daniel Turkey inside left S Barla and left winger L Bhengra the Army lads could counter move dangerously so as to leave the rival defence standing

Mahindras with the current international Somaiya at the right half position India probabilities Joaquim Carvalho skipper at centre half and Marcellus Gomes at inside right position and the remaining players all state representatives including former

World cupper Francis D Mello as centre forward were a tough team to reckon with from the start of the tournament

Their slight lapses on the defending line were offset by their brilliant forwards the most outstanding of whom Marcellus Gomes wove and threaded his way through the ASC defence with dazzling stick work and ala Merwyn Fernandes has the capabilities to draw the stolid defence out of their charges

One wonders as to why the selectors cannot utilise his service for the



*Bhengra of ASC about to notch the winner between Mahindra's custodian Michael Fernandes and Marcellus Gomes*



*Skipper Vincent Lakra (left) and goalkeeper Romeo James receiving the trophy from Mrs Rebeiro, wife of police commissioner Julius Rebeiro. Standing at right is BHA secretary K L Passi*

national team. He has been playing consistently well for the past two years and attended the World Cup camp too along with Joaquim Carvalho. Both of them have been knocking on the door of opportunities but can it be possible that the door is held from inside by the biased selectors

Mahindras dictated terms for more than fifteen minutes in the first half with their superb attacking moves, spearheaded by Francis D Mello and were rewarded by a truly opportunistic goal in the ninth minute

Marcellus Gomes ran down the right flank, swerved past defenders Tigga and Bage and drawing out Thimmaiah sent in a rasping drive goalwards

ASC goalkeeper Romeo James who impressed with his good showing throughout the tournament padded the ball away which moved past a maze of sticks and legs and went straight to Francis D Mello who steadied the ball and pushed low into the right corner of the box

The spontaneity of tumultuous cheers  
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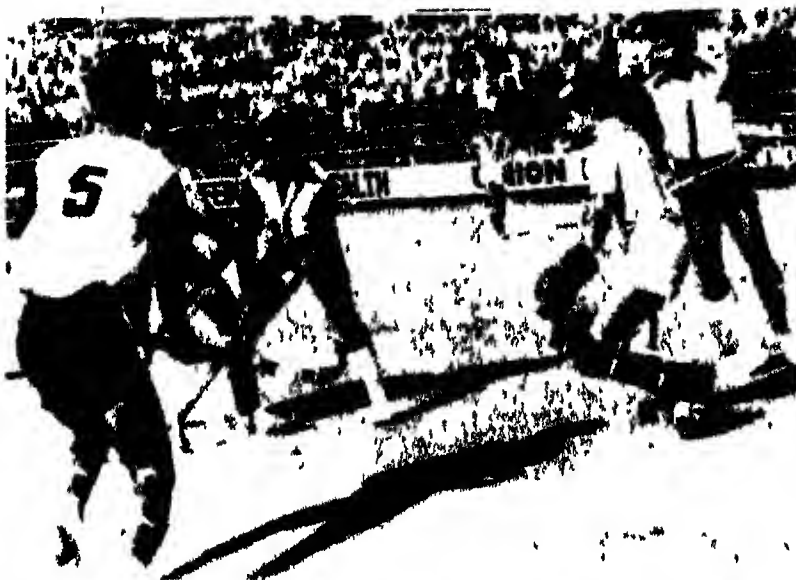
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that rose from the 10 000 plus stand was tremendous and goaded by the prospect of a nearing victory Mahindra pushed harder into the ASC defence. But the rivals visibly shaken stood firm and dispersed the ball in a calm and unhurried manner.

The equaliser came in just a couple of set before lemon time. Umpire Reggie Alphonso from Bombay awarded ASC a penalty corner after (whether unjustly it appeared) their first in the opening session when Arjuna was fouled by left back Ian Ferreira just inside the Mahindra 25 yard line. Daniel Turkey made no mistake with his shot.

This goal told on the spectators as in the second half Mahindras were slightly withdrawn and cautious and allowed may could just barely check the Army Service Corps' forward thrusts.

ASC pulled out the stopper on their efforts in the second half and with just



Mahindra's Francis D'Mello (partly hidden) about to score the first goal. At left is ASC's Topno (No 5) and Tiqqa at extreme right.



The equaliser. Mahindra's custodian watches in agony as Turkey (not in pic) scores off a penalty corner. At right is Ian Ferreira.

three minutes for the final which left winger LC Bhengra watched the winner when the capitalised on a lapse by Mahindra's custodian Michael Fernandes.

Army Service Corps had won the Bombay Gold Cup in 1977 when they beat Signals in '73 they were the losing finalist BSE (Jullundur) claiming the title.

This year ASC getting a bye into the second round beat Central Railway 3-1 and then went on to triumph 4-0 in the third. In an earlier round they succumbed to them in the re-played quarter finals by losing 1-3 the first tie being drawn 1-1. The semi-finals saw ASC in their true element when after sharing a goal each in the first match with holders Border Security Force they edged them out by a solitary first half goal by Daniel Turkey.

For Mahindra and Mahindra this was

the third time that the Cup has eluded them. In 1974 Western Railway knocked them out in the final and in '76 Southern Railway emerged champs beating them narrowly.

On their performance last year and being the current Bombay hockey league champ Mahindras got a bye into the third round. They ousted Modi Rubber's team from Meerut comprising mostly of junior internationals by three goals to one and in the quarter finals beat last year's runners up Electrical and Mechanical Engineering Group by one goal to nil. Central Reserve Police Force from Neemuch bowed out of the tournament by conceding one goal to them in the semis.

The organisers did a wonderful job this year. School and college students were allowed in free on producing their identity cards and registered players were given tickets at concessional



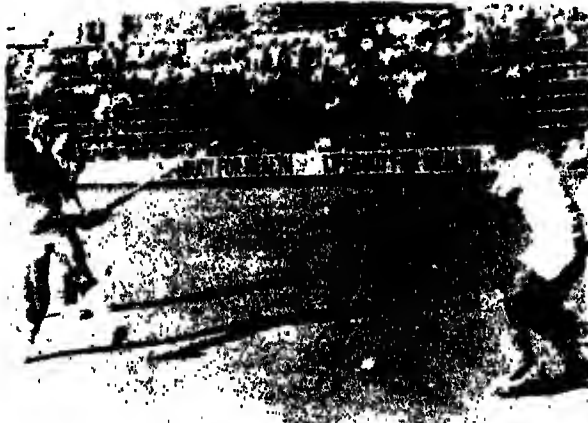
Former international and Mahindra's centre-forward Francis D'Mello showed some of his past form.

rates and this explained the big crowd that flocked to witness this year's Gold Cup.

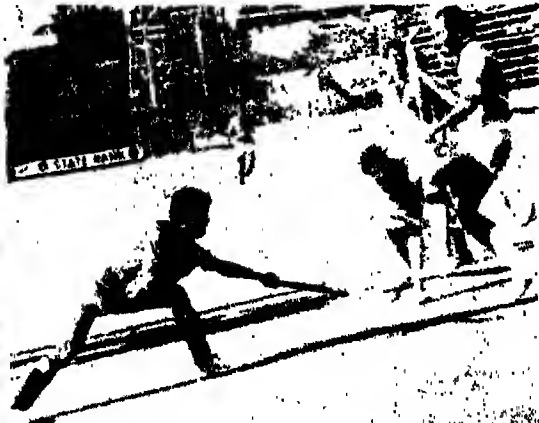
Hockey fans are a part and parcel of the game and the organisers should not neglect them. Thousand of locals were deprived of watching the World Cup because of the profit-minded people in the organisation, and it was fortunate that the mistake was not repeated for the blue riband of Bombay hockey the Gold Cup.

DAVID D'SOUZA

# Gold Cup



CRPF's Orias is about to beat Mahindra's goalie Michael in the semi-finals. But the goal was disallowed as his teammate Harjit (not in pic) was off-side



Mahindra's left-back Ian Ferreira stretches to thwart CRPF's attackers. Mahindras won 1-0 in this semis



BSF's defender, international Baldev Singh hits the ball to safety before ASC's Aiyanna (13) can cause harm



ASC's C. I akra (left) is a wee bit too late as BSF's Dalbir Singh (centre) clears the ball away, while BSF custodian Ial Singh watches alertly. ASC beat BSF 1-0, in this replayed semi-final



Anxiety is writ on IA's Arvind Chabra's face as he watches the first goal go through colleague Phiroze's legs, in the quarter finals when ASC beat IA 3-1



Punjab Police's Lakwinder Singh scores a goal past diving Noida goalkeeper Alan Schoefeld. Punjab Police beat them 7-1 in the 3rd round

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# They came, they saw, they conquered

**THEY** came, they saw and were allowed to conquer! That's how one can aptly rewrite the famous words of that great Roman emperor Julius Caesar while describing the highly successful debut of the Iraqi Air Force football outfit in the Stafford Challenge Cup soccer tournament to which the curtain was drawn on April 4th at the KSCA Stadium, Bangalore.

From the very beginning, they made us believe that they would adopt the continental brand of soccer—the 1-4-3-3 pattern. They did begin in that fashion but midway through their campaign they bid adieu to that style and finally what we surmised or rather what they proved, was that it wasn't their brain that delivered the goods, but their brawn. It was more or less the tactic they would adopt when at war with Iran—strike when you sight the target.

Their main striking force lay in Kalil Alawi. He would be listed as their prime defender and Alawi used to begin as that. But as the game progressed, it was surprising to see him play the role of an ace striker and spearhead of their attack. Such tactics made us feel that their strategy was to create confusion in the rank and file of their opponents and then strike with speed that was their main force. Thus all their five opponents, including the famous Mohun Bagan of Calcutta and Dempo of Goa, succumbed to their opponents, none of them being able to put across even a goal past Iraqi custodian Kadom Abdel Saadi. True the score-book would show that a goal was scored against Iraq by Mafatlal but it was self goal by the Iraqis.

The Iraqis had dame fortune on their side too. They were drawn into an easy pool where they had only Dempo, to oppose them. The other two were more or less there to provide the Iraqis a target practice rather than any serious opposition.

Mohun Bagan were drawn in a tough pool with local heroes Indian Telephones Industries, Bombay's Harwood Leaguer's Mafatlal and ever fighting Madras Engineer Group of Bangalore. Mohun Bagan even though they demanded and got a high price, fielded their second string here. Their main stars are with the AIFF now. Even then, one expected that Mohun Bagan would display the brand of soccer that has made Calcutta

famous. But all that Bagan had to boast was a lucky-draw against local topnotchers ITI, a similar stalemate against Mafatlal, that looked more like a "fixed" match and an impressive four-one victory over MEG Centre.

All their three opponents struck first against Bagan. However, Bagan came up with a splendid display against Dempo in the twin-legged semifinal and one expected them to bring out their best in the final. And that too this being their maiden appearance in a competitive nature in Bangalore.

But it was totally a disappointing show by the Calcutta team. They neither showed any approach nor their famous defence that Bengal is known for. And so if the 40,000 strong crowd—the biggest during the whole tournament—heaved a sigh of relief when referee Suvarna of Bombay blew the long whistle, it was understandable, for the spectators would not have liked to see these team's play again.

Mohun Bagan made a tactical mistake when they fielded the team for

the final showdown. They should have brought in Krishnendu Dey in place of their skipper Shyam Thapa. Krishnendu had proved on every occasion when he was brought in, he was made of potential while Thapa was more or less a shadow of his golden days, and Bagan had to do with an ageing Ulaganathan. Ulaga did manage to display some of his old skills, but he just could not do anything against a team that had speed. And to add to their worries, the Bagan linkmen Gauranga Banerjee, Gautham Sarker and Panji failed to combine properly and thus allowed huge gaps in their defence and at the same time, the forward pack suffered from paucity of passes.

Dilip Pal, who had donned the East Bengal colours here last time, played for Bagan this time. But this goalkeeper was not fielded after the quarter-final pool matches. His place was taken by veteran Shibaji Banerjee. Shibaji just could display his old skill, especially after he was injured in a collision with Iraq's Saada, in the first session and a still limping Shibaji let down his team in the 28th minute of the second-half when he failed to gather properly a 30-yard drive by linkman Osama Fathi. And ever alert Kalil Alawi was there on hand to give finishing touches to that blunder by Shibaji and Iraqi Air Force had triumphed in their maiden attempt.

And so like their predecessors, the Iraqi Youth Team, the Air Force team returns to Baghdad with a feather in their cap. But one can definitely say that their maiden triumph was not as convincing as their youth team. They had no sharp shooter nor a pattern that could strike terror when they face full-fledged teams. So, if like their youth team, they meet their Waterloo in their



*Iraqi Air Force make a happy picture with the Stafford Cup, which they won on their maiden outing*



**Iraq's main striker Kalil Alawi and Mohun Bagan's S. Mukherjee in a duel**

next appearance, it should not come as surprise. For teams like Bagan, Dempo and Mafatlal will be ready to seek revenge and next year they should have their full team, what with the Asian Games concluding in November this year.

One expected Mafatlal to match the Iraqi team who they met in the semifinals. But they appeared to have been overawed by their opponents 7-0 triumph over Artillery Centre, Hyderabad in the pool match. From the beginning, Mafatlal tried to play a defensive game which proved fatal against a team that possessed speed and stamina in full measure. None of the Mafatlal defenders were able to stop the speedily moving attackers of Iraqi Air Force team and their fate was sealed in the first leg itself, when Iraq hammered three goals without reply. The scorers were Menseh Alawi and Jasim and the second leg was just formality. Even then, Iraq played seriously for about 20 minutes when they increased their tally by another brace and they were content to play to the gallery. Mafatlal earned consolation goal at the fag end of play when Kalil, in trying to help goalkeeper Saada, lobbed the ball into his own goal.

The defeatist attitude of Mafatlal was evident from the fact that their main striker end brain in the forward pack, Renjit Thapa was sidelined during the second leg.

Bagan too had an easy time in the twin legged semifinal against Dempo. The first encounter saw the teams play an overcautious game and the net result was a dull, dreb, goalless draw. The linkmen on either side did prompt their forward liners with some good passes, but their strikers were goal-shy and refused to aim at the target. But the pattern was different in the second leg. Dempo managed to create inroads into the Bagan defence time and again but they just could not translate their supremacy in terms of goals and they should know that it is the goals that matter and not just the territorial supremacy. Bagan had that ideal in them and they struck twice. Amitab Mukherjee, who was easily the best forward seen in the tournament, burst down the flank to bewilder Dempo custodian Fernandes with a rasping shot and substitute Dey hemmed the final nail on Dempo's coffin when he

cashed in on an intelligent pass from Surjit Sengupta and filled the net with an angular drive. So Dempo made a sad exit.

The Group e quarter-final league was one-way traffic. The Air Force team had little or no opposition throughout. Only Dempo were expected to match them, but the Goan lads could do little against the stamina and skill of Air Force. They did fight but two good goals by Kalid Fadel put paid to their hopes. Air Force had a similar victory over Hindustan Aeronautics. The local team put up a spirited fight and carried out series of raids but ironically they surrendered a goal through their own fault when defender Louis deflected into his own goal past a bemused custodian Irudayanathan.

This unfortunate mishap seemed to have demoralised Aeronautics and they surrendered another goal to the Iraqis. Adnan Hussien tapped a cross from the right and had the ball past Irudayanathan in a flash. Iraq's next match was a cakewalk. The Artillery Centre boys from Hyderabad could not match the Arsenal of the Iraqi Air Force and let go seven goals, five of them to Kalil Alawi. Alawi's effort included a hat-trick. The other two goals for Air Force came off the boots of Bushare Nuri (first) and Hussien Menseh (fourth).

Bagan had a tough time against ITI

**VENI MADHAV**



**Mohun Bagan's Mukherjee nets the first goal in the semifinals against Dempo Sports Club**

**Pics by P. Sarangapani**

and just managed to split the points. A full ITI team—they did not have the services of their internationals Aslam Khan and Pushparaj Kumar—would have landed a drubbing to Mohun Bagan. So Bagan were just grateful to their striker Thepa for restoring parity after Ravikumar had put ITI ahead in the first session. Despite the fact that two best teams were on the field, the fere dished out was very poor.

Bagan's next opponent were Madras Sappers. True to the speculations, Sappers drew first blood through Sasenderen junior, their speedy striker. But in their anxiety to defend this goal, they fumbled and Bagan cashed in on their experience to hammer four goals to record a flattering victory. In between these two matches, ITI had managed to defeat MEG by a solitary goal and were held to draw by Mafatlal, who had defeated MEG. So when Bagan faced Mafatlal in their crucial encounter, the three main teams had three points each. All that Bagan and Mafatlal had to do was to split the points and that would take them to the last four sector, leaving aside ITI. And the teams did just that.

The crucial match turned out to more or less a farce after the teams shared two goals in the first session. Sachdo put Mafatlal ahead and Shyam found an equaliser to that.

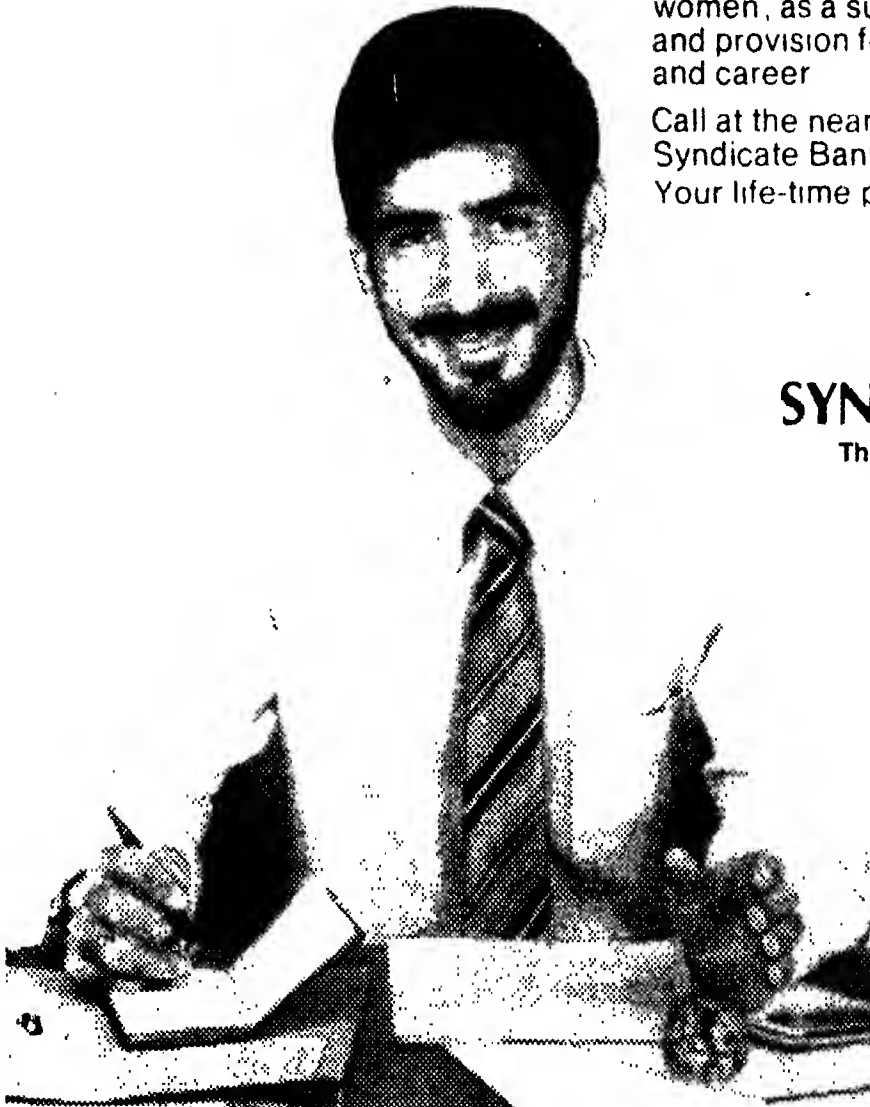
The other semifinalists Dempo lost only one match to Iraqi Air Force. They had quite an easy time against artillery centre and even though they had some anxious moments against Aeronautics, they had little difficulty in getting the better of them to make the semifinal with four points.

So yet another Stafford came to an end. But this Stafford will prove to be a nightmare for the organisers, Bangalore District Football Association. With a view to provide the soccer crazy fans of Bangalore with top class fare.

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## Kuwait: tough as camel's meat

**K**UWAIT'S soccer players are among the underdogs for the World Cup in Spain this summer, but they have certain things going for them.

They have the best Brazilian coaches and they have a happy carefree team spirit, born in the knowledge that they have nothing to lose.

The Kuwaitis were unlucky to be drawn in the group with three of Europe's strongest teams—England, France and Czechoslovakia.

"The group is too strong," said assistant coach Admildo Chiról from Brazil. "But we do have a chance of making something there. Maybe we can surprise them."

The chief coach, Carlos Alberto, is not expecting much from this players.

"If we get three points, like Tunisia did in the 1978 World Cup in Argentina, we will have done well," Alberto said. "The Kuwaitis have their own original style, especially in combining defence with attack. They play to a 4-3-3 system. We have been picking up tactics from Brazil over the last five years. Don't rule out surprises from our team."

The Kuwaitis' fierce competitive spirit combined with an easy going attitude,

has helped them to some remarkable successes in the last two years.

At the Moscow Olympics in 1980 they held Czechoslovakia to a draw and narrowly lost 1-2 to the Soviet Union. The same year they won the Asian Cup.

On their way to the World Cup in Spain they beat China, New Zealand, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and Saudi Arabia.

The Kuwaitis' soccer symbol is a camel. It appears on their official notepapers. This began after Kuwait defeated New Zealand 2-1 in a World Cup qualifying game in New Zealand last year.

"Go back to your country, Camel herders," the disappointed home fans shouted. So when New Zealand came to Kuwait for the return game, the local soccer federation paraded camels around the field.

Fierce Arab pride has prodded Kuwait's players into intensive practice, according to Shaikh Fahd Al Ahmad, president of the federation.

Chiról said: "Our players are going to the World Cup for the first time. They are

really amateurs, because Kuwait is a small country with no more than 500 players. We know the British team is a formidable one.

"But we are familiar with the British approach to soccer because we have had many visits from English teams."

Saad Al Houti, the team captain, said: "We are not thinking of winning the cup, but we will certainly give a performance to be remembered."

Hussein Ashour, a member of the Kuwait selection committee, said: "We expect our team to be worthy of Kuwait and a credit to Arab soccer. Our players will not be a soft meal by any means. I promise you they will be as tough as camel's meat."

### The probables

The following are the players likely to represent Kuwait in Spain:

**Goalkeepers**—Ahmed Al Tarabulsi, Al Kuwait Club. Age 35, 55 international caps, played for the national team since 1971. Army Sergeant Major; Adam Murjan, Kazma, 25, 11 caps, maintenance technician; Ahmed Darwesh, Al Salmiya, 19, no caps. Student.

**Defenders**—Waleed Al Jassem, Al Kuwait, 23, 32 caps, Civil servant; Sami Al Hashaha, Al Arabi, 23, 25 caps, Civil servant; Abdullah Mahyouf, Kazma, 29, 67 caps, Army Sergeant Major; Humoud Fuleiteh, Kazma, 35 caps, Employee at Kuwait University; Jamal Yaaqoub, Kazma, 23, 12 caps, Student; Mahboub Jumaa, Al Salmiya, 27, 60 caps, Rank employee; Naeem Saed, Al Tadamon, 26, 37 caps, Army sports instructor; Mubarak Marzouq, Al Tadamon, 21, no caps, National guard soldier.

**Midfielders**—Saad Al Houti, Al Kuwait, 28, 61 caps, Defence Ministry employee; Ahmad Ghiloum, Al Arabi, 21, 14 caps, Television worker; Mohammad Karam, Al Arabi, 28, 25 caps, Air Force staffer; Abdullah Buloushi, Al Arabi, 22, 10 caps, Military Academy cadet; Nasser Al Ghanem, Kazma, 21, 25 caps, Student; Saad Shabeeb Al Tadamon, 24, no caps, Civil servant.

**Forwards**—Abdul Aziz Al Anbari, Al Kuwait, 28, 84 caps, Civil servant; Yousef Suwayed, Kazma, 24, 17 caps, Kuwait Airways staffer; Jassem Yaaqoub, Al Qadissiya, 29, 61 caps, Teacher; Faisal Al Dakheel, Al Qadissiya, 25, 68 caps, Kuwait Airways staffer; Adel Abdel Nabi, Al Salmiya, 22, 5 caps, Policeman; Fatehi Kameel, Al Tadamon, 27, 62 caps, National guard soldier.



Kuwait's soccer symbol, the camel, held high after their victory in the Sixth Gulf Cup soccer championships.

# Bagan bag cream of talent

**W**ITH the 1982 Calcutta soccer transfer coming to an end (on March 30), it is perhaps time to have a look at the relative strengths and weaknesses of the big three, Mohun Bagan, East Bengal and Mohammedan Sporting.

But first things first. Two factors were somewhat responsible in keeping the usual hectic excitement of the transfer to a minimum this season.

The primary one was the Nehru Gold Cup. The soccer crazy fans of Calcutta after seeing the foreign teams, particularly the Uruguayans, in action remained dazed for a considerable period and began to realise that what they were being dished year in and year out was not after all soccer with all its modicum of glory.

Even our top stars both past and present agreed they had seen nothing like this before.

The second factor was from the viewpoint of the fans of the big three, more important and this was the star players would not be able to assist their teams in the Federation Cup, the league and the IFA shield. That they might don the club colours in the Durand and the Rovers Cup was of little consequence at the moment.

### Subdued

Despite these factors, however, enthusiasm of some subdued form was witnessed during the transfer and the air was rife with all sorts of speculations.

At the time of writing, it is clear that Narendra Gurung is not going to play for East Bengal having sold the club a dummy and whether the AIFF would finally grant permission to Ali Khodai and Mani to don the Mohammedan Sporting colours is not known. Nevertheless a preliminary assessment about the teams could be made without them.

From the very beginning, Mohammedan Sporting were not exactly keen to retain the players they had acquired from East Bengal and Mohun Bagan in 1980 and 1981 at the prevailing prices for the reason that the stars will not be able to render their services for most of the season. It was however another matter that they had finally lost a couple of their own products.

So Bhaskar Ganguli, Chinmoy Chatterjee and Prasanta Banerjee went over to East Bengal as did Aloke Mukherjee, Romen Bhattacharya, Kartick Sait, Tapan Das and of course Mohammad Akbar. Manas Bhattacharjee, Bidish Bose and Prasun Banerjee did not remain idle and

switched over to Mohun Bagan at the first opportunity.

Gouranga Banerjee, Samiran Saha and Denis Williamson too, having decided to don the maroon and green and only Shabbir Ali and Moidul Islam opting to stay put, the Mohammedan officials finally realised what a blunder they had made by making a late bid. Of course they tried to retain Bhaskar but the India goalkeeper had other ideas.

However, the end game of the officials was not as bad as their opening move and they were finally able to rope in Majid Bhaskar, Jamshed Nassiri and Mahmood Khabazi who promptly demanded, and was assured, of a big sum following their promise to 'teach' East Bengal a lesson.

Further replenishments came when Somenath Banerjee and Debasish Roy, who is hopeful of making a comeback after missing the whole of the last season with a knee injury, left East Bengal to join the reigning champions.

Another Iranian, Abbas Bejand Godarz, a student of Bangalore University has also signed in favour of the Mohammedans and it is gathered that the club is making every bid to obtain Mani (Karnataka) and Ali Khodai, yet another Iranian from Aligarh.

The inclusion of all these players have no doubt raised some hopes for the supporters for whom another solace would be that unlike East Bengal and Mohun Bagan, their team would be able to field all the players in the Federation

Cup, the league and the IFA shield with the exception of only Shabbir Ali.

In spite of this big plus point, however, Mohammedans have quite a few chinks in their armoury in that their deep defence and the half-line are not half as good as their line up front.

None of the three goalkeepers appear to be in top flight and it is to be seen if constant practice can bring them back even into good working condition.

In the penultimate line only Mohidul Islam, last year's skipper, and Satyajit Mitra, who came in from Mohun Bagan, only are capable of putting some solidity. Even they are not outstanding defenders and Mohammedans will be hard put to find two more reliable from amongst the youngs. M. Mir, Bashir Ahmed, Prangopal Das, Gautam Shome, Prem Dorji and not so young Anudeb Das and Robin Das.

The club's as well as that of new coach, Syed Naeemuddin's biggest headache will be concerning the half-line. Only Debasish Misra, Uttam Mazumdar, Khabazi and Godarz are in the list of availables and unless Majid comes down at times, pushing a less fancied player in the forward line, Mohammedans will be in for some trouble. However, if Godarz and the young Debasish click then the problem would be minimised to a great extent.

### Contrary opinions

Despite opinions to the contrary, the front line of the Mohammedans could be very very formidable indeed provided of course, Debasish Roy gets back his 1980 form and Majid and Jamshed live upto their pre-season promises.

Majid is a great player but he could do better if he disciplined himself a bit more. By now he should have known that indiscipline is the bane of any footballer, good, bad or extraordinary. At least George Best whose artistic exploits had at times even surpassed Pele, has already proved this and Majid is no George Best!

Besides the three, there are Somenath Banerjee who did not do a bad job for East Bengal last year, and with Urgan Laima, Shankar Adhikari and Nirmal Chatterjee to fall back upon. The deep defence will be strengthened if Ali Khodai is permitted to play so will be the forward line with Mani.

Consistency, however, should be Mohammedans' watchword as the lack of it was the cause of their undoing for so many years. Of course they will take the field as the reigning champions and this should add filip to the boys to achieve greater glories.

Lack of star players are going to put



Jamshed Nassiri, signing for Mohammedan Sporting after leaving East Bengal



both East Bengal and Mohun Bagan into some trouble. This handicap will be most evident during the initial stages as the coaches, Amal Dutta and Shankar Banerjee will need a couple of weeks to fit the young players into their scheme of things.

With Bhaskar to remain away at the camp, Biswajit Das will, in all probability, be East Bengal's number one goalkeeper. If he fails, chances of which are remote, young Tarun Dutta and Tapan Chakraborty will be there as replacements. In deep defence, Balai Mukherjee, Chinmoy Chatterjee, Raman Bhattacharya and Biswajit Bose will line up in that order and there are four more players who would remain ever ready to replace them.

There's going to be some problem with the half-line as besides Amalraj and Habib, all are too inexperienced to man such a position. And again Amalraj himself is no great player and Habib at this age cannot surely be the man for all occasions. So, for a permanent solution, Amal Dutta will have to try the youngsters.

The forward line, in comparison, will be far more stronger with Subir Sarkar, Arup Das, Mohammad Akbar and Arun Nath coming into the first eleven. If Akbar gets the call from the camp, then Krishna Gopal Chowdhury will fight it out with Tapan Das for a place.

On paper, however, East Bengal do not look to be a formidable side without their star players but it will be a balanced one nevertheless.

Sensing that the club was not going to have the services of its top players, the Mohun Bagan officials moved faster than their counterparts to rope in as many good youngsters as possible and judging by the result, one must say, they have been quite successful.

However, the young players cannot by themselves carry the burden of a big team and here again the club officials have shown enough shrewdness in retaining the veterans. The result has been that if everything goes according to plan, Mohun Bagan will be the most

balanced team this season with or without the players called to the camp.

In goal, Shibaji Banerjee will be there as usual and in case of emergency, there are Dilip Pal and Jagdish Ghosh to lend their services. The back-line will be manned by Sanjib Chowdhury, Subrata Bhattacharya, Satya Ghosh and Gouranga Banerjee. Besides there are some good players like Krishnendu Roy, Swapan Saha Roy and Samiran Saha.

Gautam Sarkar will as usual put the solidity in the right wing-half position and in all likelihood, Bikash Panji who gave a good show last year will be his partner. The defence will be in for some trouble if Gautam and Subrata gets the call from the camp.

If Mohun Bagan have got any weakness it is in their forward line and besides Surajit Sengupta, one just cannot name the players who would play on regular basis.

There is of course the material and it



*Gautam Sarkar as usual will put solidity into Mohun Bagan*

is to be seen who among Francis D'Souza, Shyam Thapa, Amitava Mukherjee, Uleganathan, Krishanu Dey and Amit Bagchi come for the other three places.

Notwithstanding the failure of Mohun Bagan in the Stafford Cup and the success of Mohammedan Sporting in the Sanjay Gandhi Memorial tournament, the first real test of strength for all the big three would be in the Federation Cup and it would be interesting to see how they fare without their star players.

One would also watch with interest how many amongst the youngsters can finally make it to the top. They will have their chances and it is up to them to make the most of it.

The following are the players of the big three teams. Players with the asterisk marks have been called for the camp.



*Manoranjan Bhattacharya, the key man in East Bengal's defence*

### Mohammedan Sporting

**Goal:** Nasir Ahmed, Pratap Ghosh and Gautam Ghose. **Deep Defence:** Moud Islam, Prangopal Das, M. M. Bashir Ahmed, Anudeb Das, Satyajit Mitra, Robin Das, Gautam Shome and Prem Dorji. **Half-backs:** Uttam Mazumdar, Mahmood Khabazi, Debasish Misra and Abbas Bejand Godarz. **Forwards:** Moud Bakkar, Jamshed Nassiri, Somenath Banerjee, Urgan Lama, Nirmal Chatterjee, Shankar Adhikari, Farooq Ahmed, Debasish Roy, Ranjit Mukherjee and Shabbir Ali.

### Mohun Bagan

**Goal:** Shibaji Banerjee, Atanu Bhattacharya, Dilip Pal and Jagdish Ghosh. **Deep Defence:** Compton Dutta, Shyamal Banerjee, Samar Bhattacharjee, Sudip Chatterjee, Subrata Bhattacharya, Sanjib Chowdhury, Satyajit Ghosh, Krishnendu Roy, Gouranga Banerjee, Swapan Saha Roy, Samiran Saha and Dilip Pal. **Half-backs:** Gautam Sarkar, Prasun Banerjee, Sujash Bera and Bikash Panji. **Forwards:** Surajit Sengupta, Francis D'Souza, Manas Bhattacharjee, Bidesh Bose, Ulaganathan, Shyam Thapa, Xavier Pius, Denis Williams, Krishanu Dey, Biswajit Bhattacharya and Amit Bagchi.

### East Bengal

**Goal:** Bhaskar Ganguly, Biswajit Das, Tarun Dutta and Tapan Chakraborty. **Deep Defence:** Manoranjan Bhattacharya, Balai Mukherjee, Chinmoy Chatterjee, Raman Bhattacharya, Akbar Mukherjee, Bidyut Kundu, Sajal Das, Biswajit Bose, Sankar Saha and Pulak Biswas. **Half-backs:** Fareed, Amalraj, Swapan Saha, Swapan Nandy, Dipak Banerjee, Mohammad Habib and Prasanta Banerjee. **Forwards:** Mihir Bose, Arup Das, Mohammad Akbar, Krishna Gopal Chowdhury, Arun Nath, Sujit Chakraborty, Tarun Dey, Tapan Das, Subir Sarkar and Karimul Karim.

DEBABRATA CHOWDHURY



*Dilip Pal of East Bengal signing for Mohun Bagan*

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# Forwards let India down

—From Khalid Butt in Pakistan—

**B**ARRING for the newcomers China who claimed a bronze in their maiden international appearance, there were no further surprises in the inaugural Asia Cup at Hockey club of Pakistan stadium, last month.

For Pakistan, it was a repeat performance of their Bombay victory by racing through the competition without a whiff of trouble. If the prospects of another Indo-Pak final had raised any high hopes the near capacity crowd at the Karachi Hockey stadium is not to be blamed because the two Asian giants were not destined to meet each other in the last World Cup.

No matter how they fare against anyone else, the clash between these two surely makes the blood rush in the veins of millions who follow hockey like a religion.

Both Pakistan and India had marched towards their final with impressive credentials notching goals like a tennis score on the smooth and perfect surface of astro-turf.

So when the umpires blew whistle on a windy clear Friday afternoon, the expectations ran high among those who followed the game either in the stadium or through radio/TV.

No matter what the score of 4-0 suggests, it was not such a one-sided game. Indians did have a fair share of attempts at their rival goal particularly during the first half. The Indian forward



*Pakistan's Hasan Sardar, the player of the tournament, breaks through the Indian defence to score a classic goal*

line let down their side by lacking real thrust and planning and their new penalty corner specialist Rajinder Singh simply could not beat the solid defence of custodian Moinuddin even with his sizzling shots.

Viewed against seven penalty corners awarded to Pakistan, six penalty corner chances which India got does suggest a

fightback but the Pakistan defence proved too good to be beaten even once. The new pair of Manzoor and Qasim has clicked and Ishtiaq as left-back can aptly be described as the find of the Asia Cup, so solid was his performance.

He at once brought you visions of some greats of the past like Habib Ali Kiddie, and in him Pakistan has found a



*Pakistan captain Samiullah holds aloft the Asia Cup*



*Rene Frank, president FIH, presents silver medals to the Indian team for finishing runners-up*



## Asia Cup

real answer to their chronic problems in the half line.

It was not until 23rd minute when the opener came, when Qasim Zie sent a thunderbolt to the right corner off a penalty corner. Four minutes after the interval, Qasim repeated the feat to double the lead. Then came a classic cross from Samiullah which brother Kalimullah had all the time to stop and score a beautiful goal off a flying shot.

Centre-forward Hasan Sardar, aptly named the player of the tournament by the Sports Writers Federation of Pakistan, finally broke loose after having been closely marked most of the time. Collecting a ball from the mid-field, he wove his way through the right side into the circle and, after dodging past over five of the defenders, flicked past the goalie to score a classic goal.

Such was the sheer artistry of this move that it brought the whole house on its feet and veterans had to scratch their heads to recall having seen anything like this before.

As a Pakistani journalist Farooq Mazhar wrote in the Sun "to climax it all, imperial Hasan Sardar scored a goal of such majestic beauty that it has to be preserved in the national archives."

China, after their impressive earlier record, on the final day clinched another win by 2-0 against Singapore to claim a



India custodian foils an attempt by Pakistan's Hanif Khan.

Pics : Zafar Ahmed

bronze medal and figure on the victory stand besides Pakistan and India

China still needing artistry, did however serve a notice that at this rate, they will travel far in world hockey. The dedication with which they have taken to this game coupled with their speed

and fitness, they overwhelmed some of the established sides like Malaysia and Singapore

They proved to be one of the most popular sides with their winning ways and fervour for learning the finer points of the game



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**R**ACING in Bombay is more competitive and therefore more interesting and exciting. That is the only conclusion one can draw from the results of the recently concluded seasons in Bangalore, Madras and Calcutta

The Bombay meeting has just one more race day to go but it is still undecided whether the champion trainer will be Raghunath, who has a narrow lead of one, or S. Mangalorkar, although there is not the slightest doubt that Aslam Kader will be the leading rider. How different was the situation elsewhere

In Bangalore, of course, the R.R. Byramji-Vasant Shinde team dominated the scene and their opponents were nowhere. In Calcutta, Kaskell David created an all-time record when he sent out 50 winners which was one more than that of the previous best which had been achieved by Lawrence Fownes, who now trains in Hong Kong.

In Madras, David Hill was far and away the most successful trainer with 53 wins while Jagdish emerged as the leading jockey with 35 successes. By the way, it needs to be mentioned that Robin Corner was the champion jockey in Calcutta with 36 wins which was 10 more than that of runner up Nicky Bird.

M.A.M. Ramaswamy lost his domination in Bangalore to J.P. Goenka, who has also emerged as a force in Bombay, but he retained his prominent position in Madras with the enormous stake winning of Rs. 11,26,900.

If the owners and professionals maintain the pattern of previous years by and large the officials continue to

## Carson fury at three-day ban

**A**n incensed Willie Carson received a three-day suspension at Haydock for "careless riding".

The stewards decided that his mount Satin Grange had interfered with Prince Warren before finishing second in the seller and disqualified him.

"It's ridiculous," fumed the four-times champion jockey. "I shall be appealing against the sentence on behalf of all jockeys."

Carson, who has ridden five winners since his return to action after serious injury in 1981, continued. "Ernie Johnson said I did not interfere with his mount but the stewards thought otherwise. I want to know what I did wrong and we'll let the stewards in London sort it out."

## Tricky card for final day

break new ground by creating unhealthy precedents. Consequent on the Madras Race Club declaring a race null and void because the favourite was beaten due to the over-confidence of his rider, the RCTC declared the Largesse Plate null and void because of a faulty start.

There have been faulty starts in the past and there will undoubtedly be the odd one in the future, but the procedure is to recall the runners and stage the race again, permitting those owners who wish to withdraw their charges to do so. The snag is that all the animals have already come under starter's orders and bets will be lost on any animal who is withdrawn.

Obviously, the authorities are afraid of the public reaction to such a situation. How different was the situation in 1965 in Madras when the first-ever Invitation Cup at that centre was a faulty start. The runners were recalled and three of them opted out. The different is that the emphasis on betting was not as great at that time as it is today.

## Fewer runners

The Ooty programme will be as big as that of previous years but the number of runners will be fewer because the authorities have wisely decided that horses who are not too sound should not be permitted to race. That decision has been taken although this treacherous track has been improved, principally by making the very dangerous Market Bend a perfect semicircle and by widening the track by as much as 15 feet.

However, in the process, the length of the track has been reduced to 1,870 metres from 1,970 metres. As many as 23 trainers will saddle horses during the meeting and champion jockey Vasant Shinde in addition to 11 apprentices, will be amongst the 57 jockeys who have been licensed to ride. Unfortunately, Huma Mallick will not be amongst the trainers.

It is reported that the leg swabs of his

charge Min Mini, who won the Champion Trainer Cup on the last day in Madras, have been returned positive by the analyst and his licence has been suspended and the horse has been disqualified pending inquiry.

That Bombay has a lesser interest in the Bangalore Summer Meeting than in previous years as was stated in this column last week has proved to be true. It is understood that only three trainers will take horses there.

They are A.U. Khan, who is private trainer, B.K. Lagad, who is the same of all practical purposes, and Uttamsingh. Pesi Shroff, the cousin of the late Karl Umrigar, has been retained to don the famous Goculdas colours with which Umrigar gained most of his successes.

There will be changes in Pune also. It is common knowledge that Imtiaz A. Sait has sacked Deepak and that rider is now in the yard of D.N. Adenwalla. It is also known that S. Mangalorkar has had a parting of the ways with D'Silva, and that rider will now ride largely for Raghunath. Sait, for whom Mathews has ridden in Pune before, will bring him out again but it is still not clear who will do duty for Mangalorkar. Anyway, Pune is some distance off in time.

Morning racing has proved as successful this season in Bombay as it had done last season when it was first introduced. It will be a good idea if more race days are held in the mornings. As racegoers, and more particularly their families, will be happy to have Sunday evening free for other social occasions.

The card for the concluding day of the Bombay Meeting is a tricky one although, because of the keen contest between Raghunath and Mangalorkar, most punters will plump for their charges. Mangalorkar's best seem to be Paradise Bay, Rusty Nail and Red Success and the best from Raghunath's yard seems to be Trishul. In any event, if Bezan Chenoy decides to race Princely Luck, he can be considered to be a certainty.

## SPORTING SAM





**A** LOT of people have been asking why Dilip Vengsarkar has been carrying a student passport. To find this out, I met a member of the Cricket Board.

The Board member explained: "Vengsarkar has been carrying a student passport because he was a student before he became a cricketer and he had applied for his passport when he was a student."

"That's fair enough," I said. "But why did he not re-apply for a passport as a cricketer when he stopped being a student and became a cricketer?"

"You are asking me that question!" said the Board member. "You know how busy he has been since he became a

cricketer. Where has been the time for him to apply for a passport as a cricketer."

"I suppose he has had a busy time," I said.

"Busy is not the word," the member said. "Ever since he became a cricketer, it has been cricket, cricket, cricket all the time. When he is not playing at Sydney



or Melbourne, he is playing in a small savings certificate match at the Thane municipal ground."

"Our cricketers are indeed worked hard," I said.

"Yes," said the member. "Now you take Vengsarkar's case, the day he stopped being a student, he was at the Wankhede Stadium playing for

Bombay against Maharashtra. He thought during the lunch interval he would get his passport changed from student to cricketer, but by the time he removed his pads and had his lunch, it was time to put the pads on again and go in to bat."

"Tough," I said.

"Not just tough, but impossible," the member said. "He thought that at the end of the Ranji Trophy season, he would go to the passport office and get the changes made, but then there were all the receptions and posing for photographs for advertisements before leaving for England."

"I understand the predicament," I said.

"Modern cricket is very time consuming. If every time a cricketer changes his job, he is going to go to the passport office to get his profession changed, he will not have time to play in half the matches. It is a pity the immigration officers in the Gulf do not know that. But then they have no cricket background," the member said.

"What about all the other cricketers? How is it they don't have student written on their passports?" I asked.

"Because they were cricketers before they became students," the Board member said.



**Q** IS Australian Bill Lawry the only player to have carried his bat through twice?

—Prem Babu Sharma, (Bombay).

**A** NO, two others have performed the feat. They are England's Len Hutton, who was unbeaten with 202 in a total of 344 in the fourth Test against the West Indies at the Oval in 1950 and made 156 in 272 in the fourth Test against Australia at Adelaide in 1950-51, and Australia's W.M. Woodfull, who scored 30 out of 66 in the first Test against England at Brisbane in 1928-29 and was unconquered with 73 in 173 in

the third Test against England at Adelaide in 1932-33. Lawry was unbeaten with 49 in a score of 107 in the third Test against India at New Delhi in 1969-70 and with 60 in 116 in the fourth Test against England at Sydney in 1970-71.

**Q** WHAT are the highest and lowest totals of all the Test playing nations?

—Martis Trevor, (Bombay-78)

**A** HIGHEST: England: 903 for 7 declared vs. Australia at the Oval in 1938. West Indies: 790 for 3 decl. vs. Pakistan at Kingston in 1957-58. Australia: 758 for 8 decl. vs. West Indies at Kingston in 1954-55. Pakistan: 657 for 8 decl. vs. West Indies at Bridgetown in 1957-58. India: 644 for 7 decl. vs. West Indies at Kanpur in 1978-79. New Zealand: 551 for 9 decl. vs. England at Lord's in 1973.

Lowest: New Zealand: 26 vs. England at Auckland in 1954-55. Australia: 36 vs. England at Birmingham in 1902. India: 42 vs. England at Lord's in 1974. England: 45 vs. Australia at Sydney in 1886-87. West Indies: 76 vs. Pakistan at Dacca in 1958-59. Pakistan: 87 vs. England at Lord's in 1954.

**Q** CAN you give the score-card of India's lowest total in Tests?

—Ashwani Kaul, (Srinagar).

**A** INDIA (2nd innings): S.M. Gayskar 1 b.w. Arnold 5. F.M. Engineer 1 b.w. Arnold 0. A.L. Wadekar 1 b. Old B.P. Patel c Knott b Arnold 1. E.D. Solkar not out 18. S. Abid Ali c Knott b Old 3. S. Madan Lal c Hendrick b Old 2. E.A.S.

Prasanna b Old 5. B.S. Bedi b Old 0. 8 S. Chandrasekhar absent hurt 0. Extras 0. Total 42.

Fall of wickets: 1-2, 2-5, 3-12, 4-14, 5-25, 6-28, 7-30, 8-42, 9-42.

Bowling analysis: Hendrick 1 0 2-0, Arnold 8-1-19-4, Old 8-3-21-5.

**Q** WHAT are the dates and venues of the coming India-England Tests?

—M.L. Gadgil, (Pune-4)

**A** JUNE 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15, first Test at Lord's. June 24 to 28, second Test at Old Trafford, Manchester (No rest day). July 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13, third Test at the Oval.

**Q** I AM a left-arm spinner and have some doubts about the l.b.w. law. How can a left-arm spinner trap the batsman leg-before?

—L. Mohanty, (Chatrapur, Orissa)

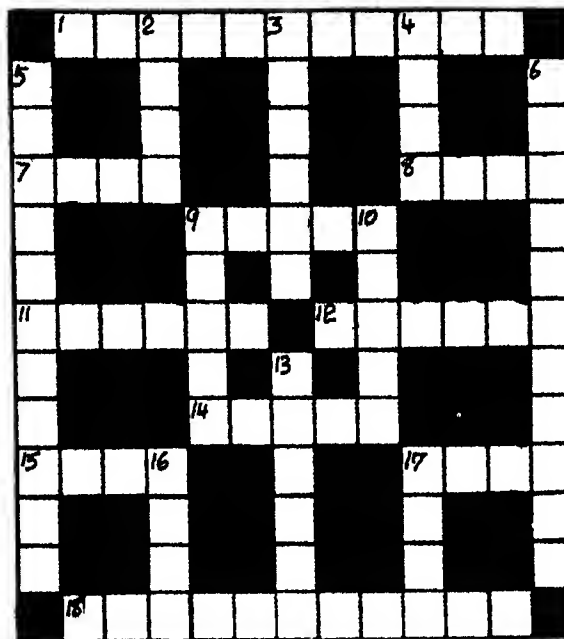
**A** THE l.b.w. law makes no distinction between left-handers and right-handers nor between pace bowlers and spinners. Law 36 merely puts two conditions: Provided: (i) "The ball pitched, in a straight line between wicket and wicket or on the offside of the striker's wicket, or in the case of a ball intercepted full pitch would have pitched in a straight line between wicket and wicket" and (ii) and point of impact is in a straight line between wicket and wicket, even if above the level of the bats'. The problem for a left-arm spinner arises when he pitches the ball outside the legstump, in which case his appeal for leg-before will not be upheld.

## ACROSS

- 1 Former Indian cricket skipper starts with a Roman six (5)
- 7 A sweater neck for a ball game (4)
- 8 This kick can be awarded in football (4)
- 9 To iron an Olympic shot put champion (5)
- 11 English bowler has Adam's wife inbetween (5 1)
- 12 Indoor game starts with an accountant (6)
- 14 Deodhar sister has a masculine ending (5)
- 15 You score it in hockey (4)
- 17 Anglers — this line coming back (4)
- 18 Former Indian cricket tournament starts with a writer (11)

## DOWN

- 2 Marshall art (4)
- 3 India at one time were on the top of the world in this (6)
- 4 It governs wrestling coming up (1 1 1 1)
- 5 Calcutta soccer — attracts a lot of attention (5 6)
- 6 Women's tennis trophy starts with a hair piece (6 3)
- 9 It hosted the Olympic Games twice (5)
- 10 World Cup Hockey host country has a cricketer in the middle (5)
- 13 Indian Davis cupper has directions in the middle (1 5)



- 16 Christmas comes up for this boxing champion Spink (4)
- 17 This often wags to the bowlers' dismay (4)

## How much do you know?



- 1 In squash after the scores have reached 8 all who has the option to set the game at two?
- 2 How high should the cricket stumps be above the ground?
- 3 How many umpires are required for a kho kho match?
- 4 When vulnerable how many points do you get for every overtrick on a double contract in bridge?
- 5 In handball how far apart are the goal posts?
- 6 If the ball is free during play is it in play?

oncoming hockey player who uses his hand to protect himself and in so doing propels the ball slightly forward should he be penalised?

- 7 Can a marathon runner get Bournvita to be served to him at one of the feeding points?

## ANSWERS

1 The player who reaches eight points first 2 28 ins 3 Two 4 200 5 3 m 6 No If a penalty is given it should be against the player who raised the ball 7 Yes

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## Bombay talent best

**C**ONGRATULATIONS, selection committee, for coming up with a truly balanced team.

Special marks to them for not giving undue importance to the Ranji Trophy final on the Sitaram Special wicket at Kotla. If performance in that match were to be considered, all the batsmen who scored a century each should have been in the team.

As for the discontentment in the North, the less said the better. Dissension, charges, counter-charges, digging of pitches, groupism, etc., are synonymous with Delhi and North Zone.

And this is not the first time that the touring side contains more than five Bombay players in the team. In '71 there were six players. In '74 too there were six. Both these tours were of England. Last year there were five for the Australia and New Zealand tours. In the 1966-67 tour to Australia six players were from Bombay and three from the West Zone.

So Bombay has always given out the best talent in the cricketing field, and whether anyone likes it or not, Bombay will continue to do so.

Best wishes Sunny and Co.

—D.G. Gaonkar  
(Ghatkopar, Bombay 86)

## Congrats, Randhir

**H**EARTIEST congratulations to Randhir Singh for his selection into the Indian teams for England

—Shankar, Piyush, Anjan.  
(Dhanbad, Bihar)

## Brickbats still fly

**N**OWADAYS, the selection of the Indian cricket team is done entirely according to the whims and fancies of the Indian captain Sunil Gavaskar, who is unsporting

The Indian captain and the selectors have great affinity towards Bombay players

If this sort of selection continues, we are sure that the future of Indian cricket would be in jeopardy.

—Moorthy, Kannan, Hari & Ganesh,  
(Vaikom, Kerala)

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**T**HE omission of Mohinder Amarnath for the English tour is totally unfair. If a player who scores regularly in all domestic cricket cannot find a place in the national side, who else can?

Indeed, the policy of the selection committee beats everybody

—Sudhakar  
(Secundrabad)

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**I** WOULD like to know on what grounds is Suru Nayak preferred to Amarnath or Binny when he has not done anything noteworthy or spectacular.

God save the Indian team.

—B. Sitharam  
(Dondaparthi, Visakhapatnam-16)



Suru Nayak ... a surprise inclusion

## Blatant lobbying

**V**RAMNARAYAN'S letter (SW, March 28) deserves a hearty applause for the way he condemned Cho's blatant lobbying for Venkat.

Do we not have any off-spieler in the making who could have his baptism in Blighty? Whatever happened to the Yadavs, Zarakars, etc? As Ramnarayan calls them, those 'still born' and 'permanently snuffed out' bowlers certainly deserve a look in

Let us look for a worthy successor or two to Venkat and Prasanna

—A. N. Rangaswamy  
(Bani Park, Jaipur 6)

## Claims ignored

**Y**OU too, Mr. Kotnis? As Associate Editor of the prestigious SPORTS WEEK magazine, we expected you to take a broader view of the cricketing scene and not limit your sights to Bombay alone.

By advancing the claims of Zulfi Patkar in your article (SW April 11) you have ignored the outstanding claims of other players for the berth of second wicket keeper in the Indian team

V.S. Chorghade  
(Model Colony, Pune 16)

## It's regionalism again

**R**EGIONALISM is raising its abhorable head again I refer to the noise being made by certain North Indian cricketing bodies. Time and again cricket tour selections have been sought to be made on the basis of (equitable) representation to

various zones, rather than strictly on merit.

If merit alone demands that a team of sixteen Bombay players go, then let that be so.

Will this bane of Indian cricket never disappear?

—Kaiyomerz Sattha  
Andheri, Bombay - 58

## Chauhan side-lined

**T**HE Indian selectors could very well have included Chetan Chauhan as the team's 'spare' opening bat.

Agreed, Chauhan had a rather lean season in the Ranji Trophy, but the same goes for G.R. Viswanath. Yet, Vishy rose to the occasion by scoring two centuries against the visiting English team, didn't he?

One should also not forget that Roy, though a good opener, lacks the experience Chauhan has of playing in England. Chauhan should have been given a chance to prove his worth once again as besides being a good opener, he is also a good close-in fielder.

—Jehangir K. Panday,  
(N.S.W., Australia)

## We'll survive, Compton

**D**ENNIS Compton must realise that if there is a split in the cricket-playing nations, it will only be between England and New Zealand. Australia will never support the money hungry Pommies. The rest of the nations, i.e. India, Pakistan, West Indies and Australia will play amongst themselves.

Compton, please realise that we do not need your third rate team and your country to survive. Our Board is quite sound financially and we would rather play and win against teams of the calibre of West Indies, Australia and Pakistan.

The sun has set on Old Blighty Compton, go watch the dismal spectacle and leave us alone. We can take care of our cricket and policies

Koshy Varghese  
(Mavelikara, Kerala 9)

## Sunny is not right

**I** HAVE read Sunil Gavaskar's article in SPORTSWEEK (April 4) and his explanation regarding his behaviour against Karnataka in the Ranji semi-final.

It is very apparent that Gavaskar thinks he can do what he likes and get away with it by justifying his point in print (courtesy Inquilab Publications).

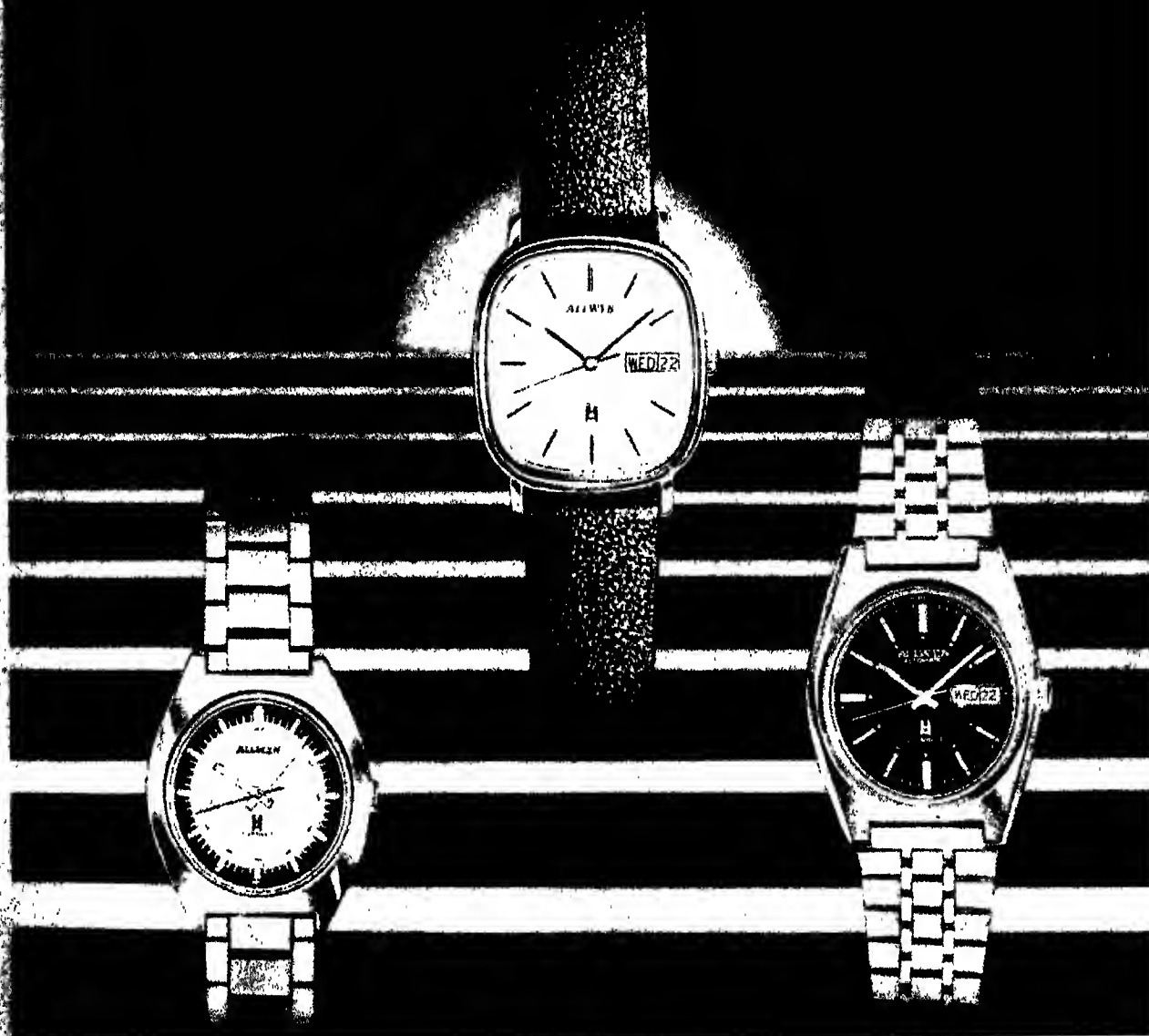
It is high time that the authorities impress on the skipper that the game is bigger than the man

Kudos to you for also publishing Bystander's article "Shocking and unpardonable". It is a view shared by most cricket lovers.

—K.V. Subbarayan,  
(Basrah, Iraq)



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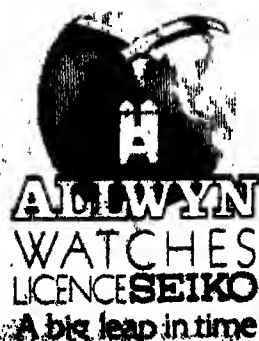
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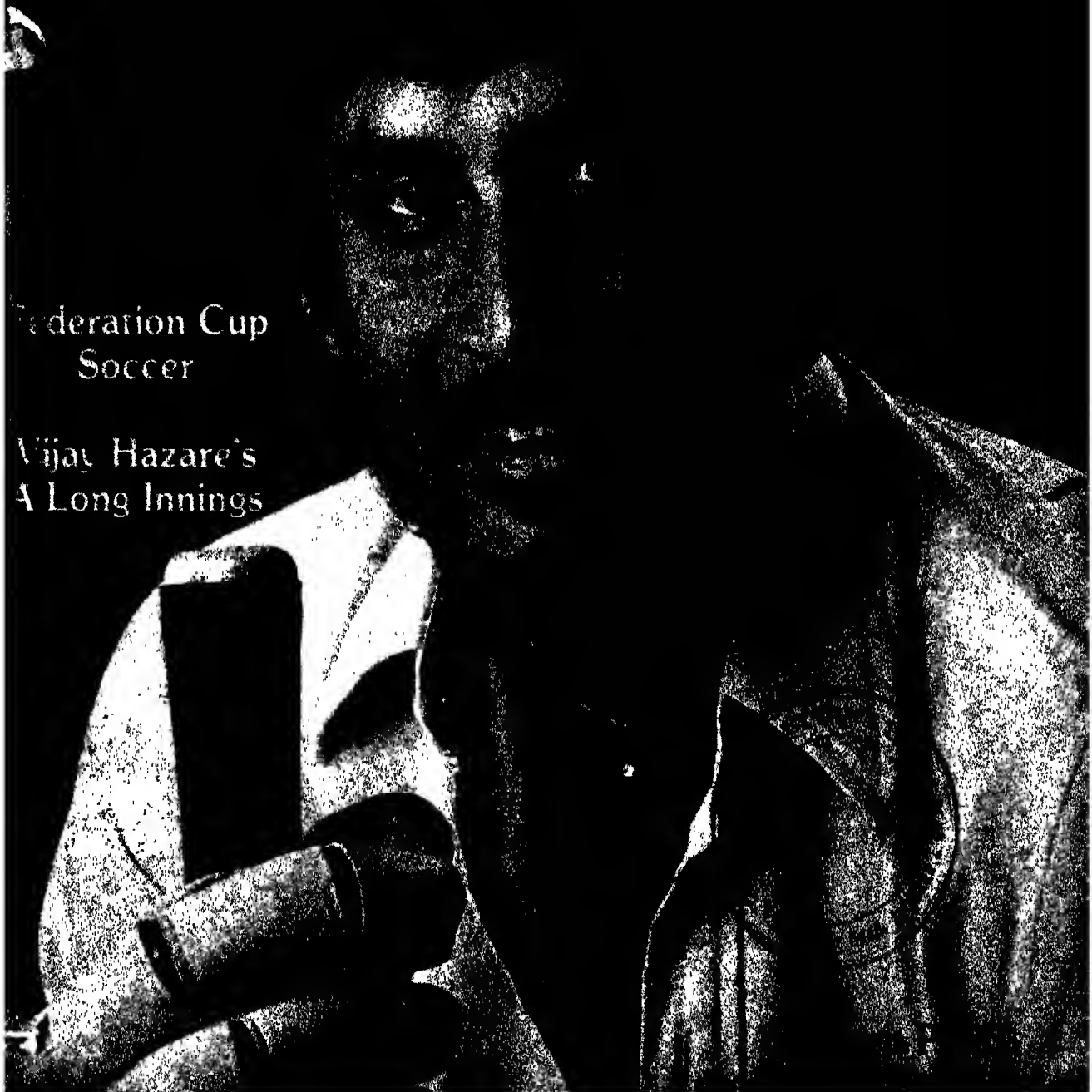
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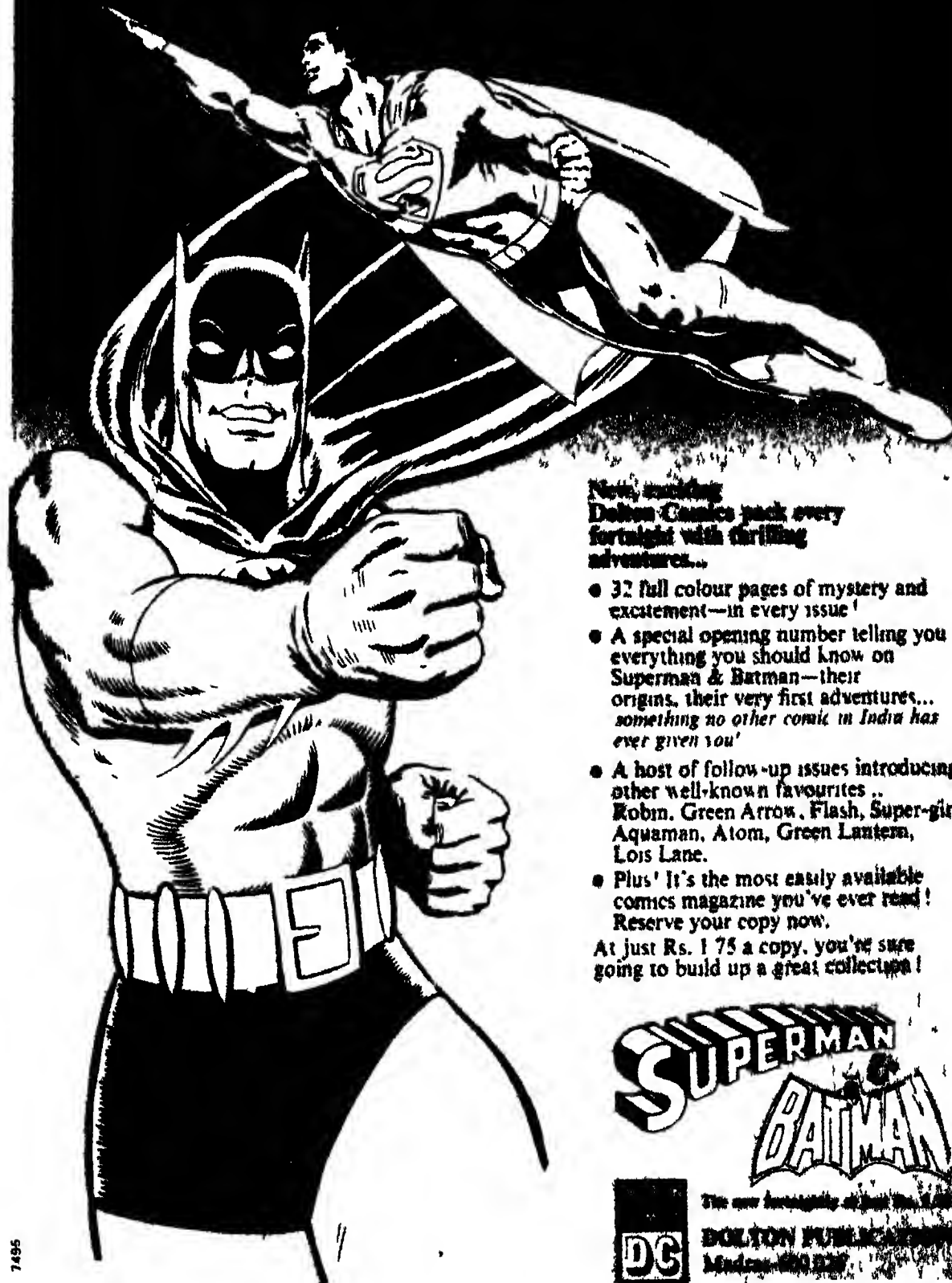
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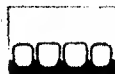
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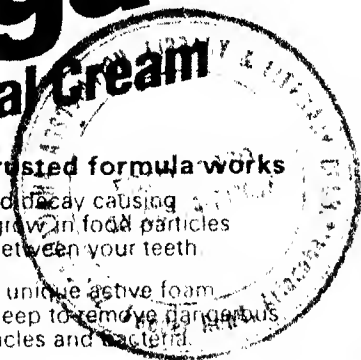
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## Cover

**O**N his first appearance for India against Pakistan Bombay's Sandeep Patil scored just 15 runs but during his short stay at the wicket he revealed the full potential he possessed



Sandeep driving Imran Khan with great flourish made one renowned Pakistani radio commentator predict a bright future for him and foresee that the Bombay youngster could hit any bowler out of attack

And just to prove that this tribute was not mere flattery Sandeep revelled during India's tour of Australia and New Zealand against speed merchants of great repute like Dennis Lillee Len Pascoe and Richard Hadlee A natural stroke maker Sandeep found the balls coming fast off the wicket in Australia easy to be smashed to the boundary

But unfortunately this overnight betting virtuoso could not maintain the same form during the recent India-England Test series and was dropped from the Test squad Sandeep however, came into his own in the Cuttack one-dayer which enabled India to win the series

In the domestic ties later Sandeep scored runs consistently and made sure of his place in the Indian team for the forthcoming tour of England.

Transparency Rajeev Agasarkar

## Board power struggle isn't cricket

— By Khalid Ansari —

**T**HE threatened rift in the Board of Control for Cricket in India which could split that august body down the middle gives cause for concern to all right thinking people who care for the sport.

Ostensibly certain affiliated units of the board are up in arms against the selection committee of the board for alleged favouritism towards and consequent injustice against certain players chosen for the forthcoming tour of England.

In effect the move in which a section of the press is playing more than an active part is motivated by much more than meets the eye.

Viewed in correct perspective an insidious contemptible attempt is being made to shake the foundations of the board in order to usurp power.

The move to convene a special general body meeting is only the first salvo in an orchestrated endeavour to stage a coup at the annual general meeting of the board in September.

There can be no denying the fact that there is a great deal wrong with the composition of the team announced for the tour of old Blighty. Evaluated dispassionately the side picked by Messrs Umrigar and Co. is not repeat not the very best that could have been chosen. To that extent injustice has been done to some deserving players. Correspondingly some with less than the highest credentials will be on board the flight to London on April 29.

### Excellent

But it is patently unfair and unjust to impute motives to the present selectors whose track record in all fairness has been excellent to date. Distinguished cricketers of their days they are indisputably sincere and have the good of the game at heart. Errors of judgement they are capable of but dishonest they definitely are not.

Board president Seshreo Wankhede was well within his rights when he declined to convene a special general meeting to discuss the selection. There is no provision in the board's constitution for such a meeting.

Attempts are now being made by the malcontents and the dissidents to muster sufficient votes to force such a meeting. It is learnt that all means—fair and foul—are being exploited to bring pressure upon the affiliated units to gain their support and a vice president of the board is said to have succumbed

to a gambit which to say the least is not cricket.

Even if the requisite number of votes are mustered three weeks' notice will have to be given for a special meeting rendering the whole unsavoury episode an exercise in futility since Gavaskar and his lads will have left by then.

There is much food for thought in the logic adduced by those who point to the fact that the victims of injustice all happen to belong to a particular zone, a region which threw up a member of the team which toured Australia in 1980-81 and who certainly did not deserve to be in the team on the basis of past performance and as confirmed by his showing on the tour. But not a single worthy of that zone dared criticise the selection. Was it because what is sauce for the goose is not sauce for the gander? Your guess is as good as ours.

It is also pointed out that the West Zone which is now alleged to be the

beneficiary because of the biased selection never complained in the past when players like Karsan Ghavri (consigned to the woods for a protracted spell despite sterling performances), Ramnath Parkar, Sudhekar Adhikari and Padmakar Shivalkar were at the receiving end of injustice at the hands of the selectors.

Said to be among the best run sports associations in the country (which is not saying much really when one considers the shocking state of affairs in Indian sport) the Board of Control for Cricket in India can be faulted on many counts as we have been doing from time to time over the years.

But on balance characterised on the whole by integrity, efficient administration and most importantly by prudent financial management.

Skeletons are said to exist in the

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## THE SPORTING LIFE



*PATIENCE, DEAR... JUST A FEW MORE MILES...*



# Cricketers cash in on their status

— By Sunil Gavaskar —

**A** WONDERFUL week in Sharjah. Two one-day games played very competitively. Nothing given away, no quarter given none asked for.

Two days of double-wicket where one saw some tremendous big hitting displays by some of the finest batsmen in the world. And, moreover, a week in which one could relax and get away from the pressures of it all.

Of course, it started very badly with

Dilip Vengsarkar being denied entry into the UAE following a discussion with the immigration officials. There are conflicting reports from the players who were there about Dilip's attitude, so I better not comment on it because I wasn't there. I had to be in Bombay to select the team to go to England.

But the reaction to that is most understandable. Even while one was in Sharjah, one could not get anything out

of people concerned about what exactly happened at the immigration counter.

All the players who were there have a lot of sympathy for what happened to Dilip and, I believe, they thought at that stage they should also not enter the country and return. But wiser counsel prevailed, because it was not the fault of the organisers to what had happened at the immigration counter and by returning the organisers would have been harmed for no fault of theirs. And, in any case, I believe, that an effort was made to get Dilip again the next day and so the boys thought it was better to carry on with the game.

It was most painful to read an article in SPORTSWEEK and SUNDAY MID-DAY criticising the Indian cricketers for not returning with Dilip Vengsarkar. For, one, the article was written by a person who was not on the scene, and who did not know exactly what happened. And two, the Indian cricketers, as I said, who were there had conflicting reports about Dilip's attitude. And though they had sympathy, some believe that Dilip was at fault, perhaps, therefore, thought what had happened to him was not entirely unjustified. Therefore, to accuse that the boys who were there had only one object and that is money is very, very unfair.

I would like to ask the writer of the article, whether he writes the article for money as well?

And if the Indian cricketer today is more aware of the financial implications, I think it is only due to the fact, that it has come to him through the experience for former cricketers. It is a well known fact that as soon as one is out of Test cricket, he is forgotten by everybody concerned and, therefore, today's Test cricketers realise that in their short span, it is the best time to cash in on their status and standing in the game, rather than repent later.

Take for example, Salim Durrani, that magnificent allrounder. He played his guts out for Rajasthan and Central Zone and what happens? The Rajasthan Cricket Association has apparently not shown any interest in organising a benefit match for him. Nor has any of the other Central Zone members come forward to honour this tremendous cricketer. So today's cricketers are aware that their time at the top is limited and if they do not make use of their time,



*Javed Miandad in full cry at the wicket. He and Imran Khan played intelligently and deserved to win*

they will not be able to do anything much later

And, pray, what has team spirit got to do with it? For one thing, it was not even the Indian team that was going there. We had some players who were not even in the Indian side, in the squad going there and team spirit does not mean returning to India, just because one of the players has been treated in a shabby way. I think this particular way of linking team spirit is most despicable.

Team spirit comes in if every single member who was there believed that Vengsarkar had done no wrong. Obviously, everyone over there did not think so and some had reservations, and therefore no body decided to come back, although, at one moment, it was proposed that the team should get back. And in any case, I think, the incident was very unfortunate and certainly one that cannot be forgotten in a hurry.

I am sure that there would be more care shown by both the parties next year. And it would be in the interest of Dilip Vengsarkar and everybody else the Indian cricketers to try now and think of the England tour ahead rather than go on about something which cannot be really reversed since no details are available.

## Well contested

The matches in Sharjah were well contested. In the first game, Gavaskar's XI beat Intikhab's XI by fifteen runs. For Gavaskar's XI Ravi Shastri who opened the innings with me scored 75 and Yashpal Sharma who scored a belligerent innings of 60 odd were the main scorers followed by a smashing innings of 47 by Sandeep Patil which helped the Gavaskar's XI total 210.

The Intikhab's XI started off very well. Got off to a good start then collapsed to the flight and cunning of Dilip Doshi to be all out for 195. This was also due to brilliant wicketkeeping of Syed Kirmani who got the last three dismissals off Madan Lal's bowling one when an authentic leg glance was taken standing up to Madan Lal on the leg side and the last batsman was stumped in a flash which goes to show how lucky the Indian team is to have a wicketkeeper like him.

Thereafter the rest of the squad had one week's rest except Kapil Dev and Sandeep Patil who were to take part in the double-wicket tournament. For the double wicket Ian Botham and Graham Stevenson formed the pair for England, Clive Lloyd and Bill Bourne formed the pair for the West Indies and Imran Khan and Javed Miandad formed the pair for Pakistan. There was one pair from Dubai and one from Sharjah. Imran and Javed played really well. Javed in particular hit the ball hard and high and smacked a lot of sixes. The Indian pair of Kapil and Sandeep were very much in the running and required 20 runs in the last over to win the championship.

But off the first ball Kapil was caught on the long on fence and off the next ball, Sandeep straight drove and Kapil, who was backing up, was run out as the bowler deflected the ball on to stumps.

# Discipline them

While one was in Sharjah, one came to know that some of the Board officials have called a press conference and decried the selection of the Indian team to go to England and compared the performances of the players who they thought should have been in the side to those who were eventually selected.

This certainly is in bad taste, because for one thing it undermines the moral of the team. I remember when I was selected for the first time in 1971 to go to West Indies, there was criticism and I was most upset by it, since that was my first trip. I am sure the boys who have been criticised are feeling that way. But I would also suggest that they would perhaps be more determined and see that their selection is justified.

I shall not go into merits and demerits of the players selected and those that were left out. But there is only one point and that is the selection committee always try and choose the side according to the balance of the side and there are obviously players who cannot fit in because a touring party consists only of sixteen players and the balance of the side has to be taken into the account.

It has become a popular feature to say that the captain dominates the selection committee. Can one ever think of dominating cricketers of the calibre of Imrigrar Phadkar, Ghulam Ahmed, Sarwate and Vijay Mehre? Is it really possible to dominate these people? And another question I would like to ask is, would I deliberately pick inferior

cricketers, knowing that they are inferior cricketers? Because then I know that their performance would be bad which would in effect mean that my chances of retaining the captaincy would be zero, because the performances of these people I had picked would be bad. So would I deliberately pick inferior cricketers?

One might make errors of judgement about a person's ability and potential and that is human after all. But one does not pick a player because he is of a particular zone or of a particular state. That kind of accusation is very unfair.

And to think that these officials who had given the list of the alternative players, have only suggested alternative players from their own zone. Which just goes to show who is really parochial and regional rather than the selection committee. And these are the members of the Board, who have up to the special general body meeting, demanded that no Test cricketer should write reports on Test matches played at home or abroad.

While we have been restrained from writing in the newspapers, these people are the ones who have gone to the press and criticised the selection.

Don't you think that those who make the rules should practice the rules themselves? Will the Cricket Board take any disciplinary action against these people for publicly condemning the selection of the team? Or is disciplinary action to be taken only against the players?

That meant in the last four deliveries the team had to score 30 runs since it was five runs deducted for every dismissal. That of course was a difficult task and the Indian team came second.

One must also add here that the Indian team was lucky with many fielding lapses and did not have any catches dropped when they were batting. And the Pakistan team of Imran and Miandad were lucky that some of the catches they offered were floored. But that is not to take away glitter from their victory because they played cricket intelligently, picked their singles and ran their twos and threes very fast and when the loose balls came they invariably hit them over the top for six. So they deserved to win and it was also a great sight for the people of Sharjah to see.

Ian Botham and Clive Lloyd banged away in their own inimitable fashion. Both of them hit enormous sixes but were unfortunate when their partners did not give them the kind of support

that was needed for the double-wicket tournament like this.

Then came the last match which was the second one-day game against Intikhab's XI and the time Intikhab's XI just went for the runs right from the first ball and Mohammed Nazar played extremely well to crack a hundred. He was well supported by Wasim Raja and Imran Khan and they ended up with a plus 240 on the board.

At this stage we had to maintain a good overrate and we had achieved a similar target in the one-day international against England and we were hopeful of repeating it. But Imran and Tahir Naqash bowled excellently, did not give away anything and the Pakistan fielding, as we all know, has been outstanding with fielders like Harpoon Rashid, Moshin Khan, Wasim Raja and Javed Miandad patrolling the covers and onside. Therefore, quick singles were out of question and with Imran bowling particularly well, we were pushed back and until Sandeep and Kapil came on the scene, we were really out of the race and only after Sandeep and Kapil were out in quick succession,

## Sunil Gavaskar...

Intikhab's XI heaved a sigh of relief and went on to win the match comfortably.

These matches were played in all seriousness. They were very competitive and therefore the crowd went back very pleased with the fare they received. Ninety per cent of the crowd have been Pakistanis and they were happy that their team finally turned the tables on the Indian cricketers.

That evening four cricketers were honoured and one of the lucky people was yours truly. The others were Subhash Gupte, Intikhab Alam and Mohammed Nazar. I think the recognition in one's own country is tremendous, but recognition by another country is rare honour and therefore I feel that such matches should be encouraged so long as they don't encroach on domestic calendar.

These matches are also a great incentive for cricketers because most of them realise that when their turn comes they will also benefit.

Also it is the duty of every cricketer to try and spread the game of cricket to as many places as possible and cricketers therefore are thankful to the Indian Cricket Board for allowing them the permission to participate and contribute their might in spreading the game of cricket in different parts of the world. I think this is one of the accepted terms by the International Cricket Conference that the game of cricket should be



*Graham Stevenson partnered Botham but did not give him the kind of support that was needed for a double wicket tournament.*

spread to the different parts of the world and India also being a full member has its interest in spreading the game to all parts of the world and therefore I feel that in future one week should be arranged for these matches so that people of the Gulf are able to see top class cricket and also some of their

favourite cricketers since the population over there is mainly Pakistanis Indians.

Immediately after our return we had to rush to Nizamabad to play a benefit match for Mumtaz Hussain, the former Hyderabad Ranji Trophy player and I was very very disappointed and upset that so many Indian cricketers who had accepted the invitation to play did not turn up for the game. I can understand the outstation cricketers and by that I mean some Bombay cricketers who did not come to the game. They had been away from their families for quite a long time and since they had to report for the camp immediately they would be away for another 15 days and which would have meant almost one month away from their families and therefore I can understand if they went back to meet their families for a day.

But what I cannot understand is why the Bombay players did not turn up for the match. If a commitment had been made by these players they should have honoured that commitment particularly because it concerned a fellow cricketer who was having his benefit. I think that some of these cricketers ought to realise that one day it will be their turn for a benefit and they should therefore try and play in the benefit matches as their contribution in recognition of the services of the former cricketers.

I think Sandeep Patil was the only one who had a legitimate excuse for not being able to attend the match. But the rest of the players should have come to the benefit game. And I am very sorry they let down Mumtaz Hussain at the last moment and it is very difficult then to raise a team at eleventh hour. The fact that the match was played and the Nizamabad crowd took it sportingly is credit to their fans over there and for their behaviour and patience.

## Hitting Out

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cupboard of the board by those now in the vanguard of the opposition to Establishment.

Should that be the case constitutional means are available to spotlight irregularities which if proved correct can provide sufficient cause within the framework of the board's constitution to bring about desired changes which will make for clean and efficient administration.

But to use the selection under discussion as a subterfuge is in our opinion reprehensible howsoever commendable the ultimate objective.

Those who desire a sea change in the affairs of the Cric-Control Board should say as much, spell out their complaints and go about the task of cleaning the stables openly and through constitutional means.

Devious methods are doomed to failure.

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**T**HE Indian Hockey Federation is to be commended for showing the courage of its convictions and for adopting a positive, no-nonsense, result-oriented approach in sacking the coach and manager of the national team.

Readers will recall this writer had asked for the sacking of coach Harmik

Singh and manager Jhama Lal Sharma following India's pathetic showing in the World Cup in Bombay last January. He had argued that in the ultimate analysis victory was all that mattered in view of the forthcoming Asia Cup in Pakistan and the New Delhi Asian Games.

The predictable excuses were trotted out. Glowing tributes were paid to the team for the beautiful hockey that it played in the Bombay tournament (ridiculous!) and apologies were made for the fact that the young team had been unlucky (asinine!).

Came the disastrous performance in the Asia Cup in Karachi when all the shortcomings of the team were miserably exposed. Surjit and his boys returned home chastened and wonder of wonders for once followers of the game were spared the silly excuses which insult intelligence.

Now that the languorous lotus-eaters in the Indian Hockey Federation have come to grips with reality and at long last demonstrated a concern for the all-important "bottom line", it is hoped that knowledge will be followed by alusive wisdom and that the selection of the coaches—and the team for the Asian will be made solely and only on the basis of merit and national honour.

But then, are we hoping for too much?

# A poor record

**A** PERFORMANCE that should be inlaid in gold in the history of Indian cricket particularly relating to visits to England is that of Bhagwat Chandra sekhar in the Oval Test of the 1971 tour

Chandra's magnificent bowling in England's second innings opened up the path for India's only Test victory in England as well as their only rubber success. That triumph is the only silver lining in an otherwise bleak record of 19 losses and five draws in a total of 29 Test matches in England.

When Wadekar led his side into the ground for England's second innings the latter had a lead of 71 runs and it was expected that they would set India a stiff task in the fourth innings. Following Wadekar's wise move to straightaway attack the batsmen with his spinners the innings as Wisden put it "disintegrated and was all over in two and a half hours. Some poor strokes were played but Chandra gave the batsmen no relief. He was wonderfully accurate for a bowler of his type and his extra pace made him a formidable proposition even on the sluggish Oval pitch. England were all out for 101 runs. Chandra got six for 38—he had two for 76 in the first innings and India taking their own time won the match by four wickets and the series by 1-0. Wisden honoured the hero by including him in the Five Cricketers of the season.

That however is not the only golden deed by an Indian in a Test in England. There was the magnificent 221 by Sunil Gavaskar in the final Test at the Oval which electrified the cricket world as much as Chandra's effort. And more it made what looked an impossible task of chasing 438 runs for a victory a near fact as when the match ended India were only eight short of the objective.

Gavaskar inspiring and technically flawless 221 earned him the Man of the Match award and brought that rarity in recent Tests in England—a final day charged with interest. It brought Gavaskar a place in the Wisden's Five as well as the captaincy of the Indian team for the subsequent home Tests against Australia and Pakistan. In fact Gavaskar has not been disturbed from leadership of the Indian team since then. India lost the four Test series at 0-1.

Then there was the grand exhibition of aggressive batmanship by Vinoo Mankad at Lord's in 1952. Mankad was not a member of the touring Indian team but was persuaded to play in three of the Tests—he was then a professional in the Lancashire league—and he made his appearance memorable by hitting up 184 runs in India's second innings. The effort moved his coach A.F. Wensley, who was present at Lord's to

tears and brought forth this tribute from the late S.K. Guruswami. Mankad pulled Jenkins high over the leg boundary in the first over. From now on he was after English blood and he attacked the bowling with such relish and with wrists of steel that he cut square and late pulled hooked and glanced and treated all bowlers alike. So easy and so daring yet so assured was his batting that he might well have been playing at Haslingden instead of at Lord's. Such forthright batting following many hours of bowling in which fielding to his own bowling played no mean part is something that not every cricketer can perform. Mankad is our Keith Miller. Indeed he was making the match appear as Mankad v England. India made 378 in this innings but England's big first innings lead of 302 runs enabled them to win the match. But Mankad's deeds with bat and ball—he took five for 196 in England's first innings—retrieved to some extent the prestige of the Indian team. India led by Vijay Hazare lost the series at 0-3.

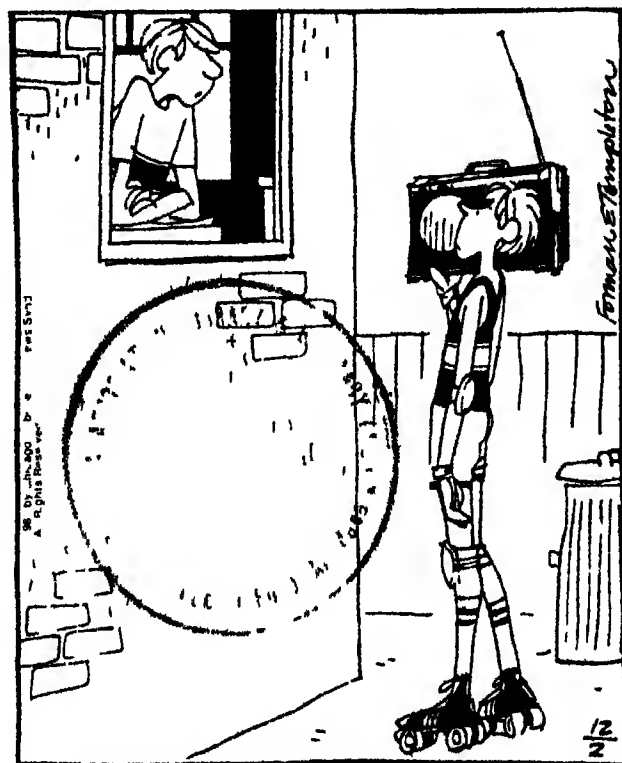
Similar was the effect of the grand opening partnership of 203 runs—this stood a record for India till Gavaskar and Chetan Chauhan overhauled it in 1979—between the two artists with the willow Vijay Merchant and Syed

Mushtaq Ali in 'Old Trafford Test in 1936. Merchant scored 114 and his effervescent partner 112. They saved India from what looked a certain defeat when they went in to bat against a huge England lead of 368 runs in the first innings. This was the only Test that India which lost the series by 0-2, drew.

Then there was the brilliant century on debut by Abbas Ali Baig at Manchester in 1959. Vijay Manjrekar's dashing 133 at Leeds in 1952, junior Pataudi's grand 148 on the same ground in 1967 and Viswanath's 113 at the Oval in 1979. Really India started their maiden Test at Lord's in 1932 in brilliant fashion through the bowling of Mohammed Nissar who clean bowled the England opening pair, Herbert Sutcliffe and Percy Holmes, fresh from their record opening partnership of 635 for Yorkshire for only 11 runs on the board which sent the late Neville Cardus into ecstasies.

India's record in England is poor but one hopes the memory of the deeds of Nissar, Merchant, Mushtaq Ali, Mankad, Chandra and his own would inspire Gavaskar and his men in another series against England this summer.

## THE SPORTING LIFE



I CAN'T GO SKATING TODAY...  
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# Cricket world's unique location

**T**HE ultimate verdict on all that has happened recently at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium was given to me by Ian Botham in the bus on the way back from the ground to the Novotel one evening.

"Cricket should take off here," he said to me across the gangway, "as long as it is played seriously."

Clive Lloyd who was sitting next to him, nodded his head in agreement and cricket in Sharjah and the Gulf could not have been given a more resounding endorsement and acceptance.

In these last few days, Sharjah has become an important part of the cricket world in a unique way. It does not have local teams to rival the best, but it has the facilities and the support.

I have been lucky enough to have watched cricket in many surprising parts of the world. Cricket has always been an essentially British game and the Test playing countries were all at times part of the British Empire.

It was a game therefore, which was transplanted by the British on their travels. As a result it still causes surprise, in England at any rate, when the game is found to be flourishing in other parts of the world which had nothing to do with them.

In the week gone by, cricket in the Emirates will have been put on the map by the English media in such a way that a great many people will sit up and take notice.

I still find people who are surprised in England and Australia to hear that it is a



Sunil Gavaskar and his wife Marshneil with Cricketers Benefit Fund Series chairman Abdulrahman Bukhatir

game which flourishes in Holland and Denmark, both of whom sent sides to England to compete in the qualifying rounds of the World Cup in 1979 and will do so again for next year's World Cup

Three years ago I went as joint manager with Peter Parfitt, the former Test batsman, to the team of young county cricketers which Darrick Robins, a wealthy businessman, took on a tour of South America

In Argentina, cricket has been a game

with a solid foundation for a long time because of the substantial British interests in that country. There are eight or nine clubs in Buenos Aires and the cricket is of a good club standard

When I was there, several formidable players were Argentinians and the game was popular with the locals although I daresay the Falkland Islands may be going to change all that. The grounds at the Hurlingham Club, about 20 km from the centre of the city, were excellent although nothing to match Sharjah for none of the grounds in Buenos Aires are stadiums

We began the tour in Bogota, the capital of Columbia where I was billeted with the British ambassador and for the three days we were there, bodyguards and pistols were very much in evidence

The opposition was entirely expatriate Englishmen, West Indians, Indians and Pakistanis and there was no local interest. It was much the same in Lima, Peru where the ground is right in the middle of the smartest area of the city and would have been worth a fortune for development purposes

In Chile we played two days' cricket at the beautiful Prince of Wales country club on one of the most lovely grounds I have seen with the Andes forming a spectacular backdrop

The standard of the expatriates who are an ever dwindling bunch in this day and age, was not good and our



Subash Gupte, India's famous exponent of leg-spin bowling during the 'yesteryears, who was one of the beneficiaries, is greeted by a CBFS official

cricketers were much too strong. We even bowled out Chile for ten which was highly embarrassing both for them and for us.

The two weeks staying at the Hurlingham Club in Buenos Aires was the highlight of the tour and I was amazed at the strength of the game there just as I was staggered to find a shop called Harrods in the middle of the city.

It is only recently that the MCC have stopped sending touring sides out to the Argentine and between the wars these contained Test players who were made to fight hard.

Our final destination was Brazil where we played one day's cricket at Sao Paulo and then we had a week in Rio de Janeiro playing on another lovely ground at Niteroi on the other side of the enormous causeway.

It was marvellous to find such a strong interest still in cricket in these parts of the world although inevitably the strength of the game is weakening as the expatriate populations grow smaller.

Perhaps the most extraordinary place in which I have ever played cricket was in the square in Corfu Town in Corfu. The English ruled Corfu for sixty odd years in the last century and they say that the only two legacies are ginger beer and cricket.

The ground is delightful with a castle at one end and a Victorian bandstand at the other, the sea on one side and a street on the other which was built as a replica of the Rue de Rivoli in Paris. There is a great deal of local interest and during the games the Greeks sit under the Accacia trees drinking Ouzo and shouting for their heroes.

The cricket itself is strange. Each match is a 33 over affair—I never discovered why—and the locals adapt the rules to suit their own purposes. One of the local clubs, Gymnasticos I think, was captained by a 60 year old named Contos.

I was keeping wicket when he came in



*Intikhab Alam one of the two beneficiaries from Pakistan receiving the trophy and cheque. In the centre is Asif Iqbal*

and took guard and when he had made about ten he was comprehensively bowled and naturally we waited for him to depart. Not a bit of it. He advanced towards the other end and bat raised like a

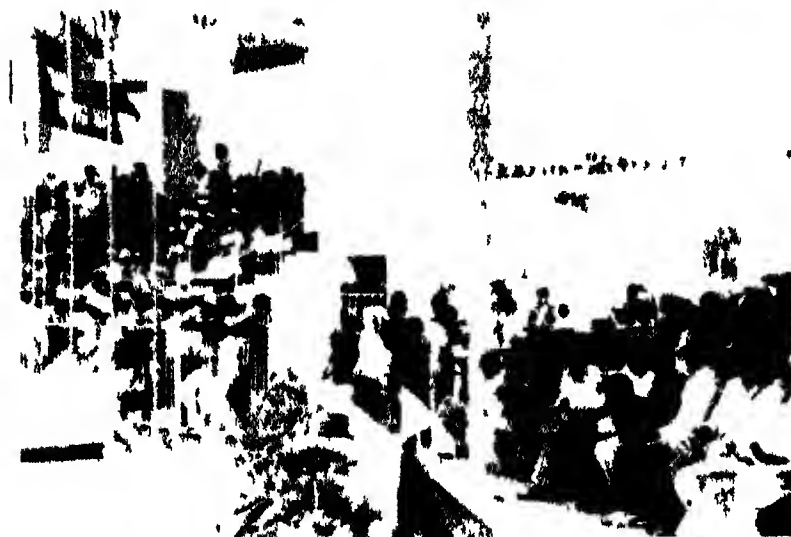
club and when he had gone about five or six metres the umpire hurriedly shouted 'no ball' and Contos returned and prepared to face the next ball.

In October 1976 I and four companions set out in a 1921 Rolls Royce and a new Rover to drive from London to Bombay where I and the cricket correspondent of the London Times who came with us were scheduled to report on the MCC tour of India.

When we arrived in Teheran, he and I were prevailed upon to go and watch a cricket match played near the airport which began at half past seven in the morning and finished at one o'clock so that the ground could then be used for football.

In Sharjah we have been fortunate to see cricket played between the best players in the world and will continue to see it, but the game of cricket has given me untold fun at almost the lowest as well as the highest levels.

I have played indoor cricket in Australia, village cricket, Minor County and a little bit of first class cricket in England and I have loved every moment of it just as I have loved all that I have seen here.



*The viewing galleries of the Sharjah Cricket Stadium*



## Cricket in the Gulf



Nazar Mohamad (right) the second Pakistani to be benefited during the recent CBFS tournament



Indian cricket stars at a party hosted by Shyam Bhatia during the course of the CBFS tournament at Sharjah



The Gulf News sports editor Arij Ali hosted a reception for the foreign journalists who covered the CBFS international cricket week. From left. S.K. Sham (Free Press Journal), Arij Ali, R. Mohan (The Hindu and Sportstar), Riaz Ahmed Mansuri (The Cricketer, Karachi), Henry Blofeld (Guardian, The Australian), K.N. Prabhu (Times of India) and Khalid Ansari (Mid-Day, Sportsworld, Inquilab, Bombay)

## Cricket has come to stay in the desert!

**A**t a farewell function hosted by the organisers at the Hotel Holiday Inn, Sharjah which is part of the Bukhatir Group, speaker after speaker commended the efforts of the Cricketers Benefit Fund Series (CBFS), and of Abdulrahman Bukhatir in particular, in promoting the game of cricket in this part of the world and in raising money in appreciation of the services rendered to the game by the players past and present.

Nazar Mohamad expressed his gratitude in chaste Urdu and Subash Gupte broke down emotionally. Intikhab Alam, the recipient from Pakistan, expressed his gratitude on behalf of himself and all the wives who, according to him "had enjoyed the week of festival cricket most of all."

Gavaskar, in a characteristically humorous speech, warmly thanked the sponsors and in gratitude offered his "head, heart and body" to Bukhatir by presenting to him his cap sweater and blazer, a gesture which drew loud applause.

It was announced that the beneficiaries for next year's series would be Gundappa Viswanath from India and Zaheer Abbas and Alimuddin from Pakistan. The selection of a former Test player from India will be made in due course.

With the Dubai Cricket Association, only the previous day, having announced its plans to construct a cricket stadium in Dubai, cricket seems to have come to stay in the desert.

**KHALID ANSARI**

## Risen stars of yesteryears

**D**OORALONG is a picturesque bush country area 120 km north of Sydney. It was an enjoyable trip to nostalgia, motoring down there in rain and mud to see a cricket match captained by Bob Simpson and Alan Davidson and which included Sir Garfield Sobers, our own E.A.S. Prasanna, Doug Walters, Brian Taber, Barry Knight, Johnny Martin, Alan Turner.....

It was April 1982 and not the early 1960's, I kept reminding myself and was reassured to see stars of today and tomorrow Steve Rixon, Geoff Lawson and Dirk Wellham.

This was an annual charity match between the 12th Man XI captained by "Davo" (Davidson) and the President's XI skippered by "Simmo" (Simpson).

The organisation, "Primary Club",

donates money to worthwhile charities in Sydney, namely the deaf & blind children, the spastic centre, and disabled... The one requisite to become a member of the club is to have scored a "primary" i.e. to be out first ball at least once in your career. And everytime, an Australian Test or first-class cricketer scores a duck, each member is "fined" \$2.

After getting lost in the circuitous drive to Dooralong on a wet day, we reached the Oval, just as Wellham was caught in the deep for 28 and the score 90 for 3 in 19 overs.

It was drizzling but there was a glow of warmth as the great Gary Sobers walked to the middle. Many of the 1000-odd spectators were under-15 years of age and this was their first sight of Sobers, the master all-rounder. Nostalgia gripped me as this was the

first time I had seen the great man bat since the Bombay Test of 1966.

He had a painful knee and to even run between the wickets was a problem. He solved it by hitting out, in all six 4's and a six in his 30 minutes stay which produced 41 runs.

Then entered Davidson, 53, slightly overweight since we had last seen him in India in 1958-60 but still as enthusiastic about his game. After early problems to middle the ball, he crashed a thumping off-drive when Simpson tried a wrong one. He remained unbeaten with 21 in 17 minutes.

Geoff Lawson, the speedster, tried leg-spin as the ball was too wet to grip. Twice he dropped Davidson which according to the commentator, was a wise thing to do as "Davidson, after all, is a national selector!".

After 35 allocated overs, the Davidson XI scored 216 for 6. The lunch time was memorable for me as I got a chance to talk and discuss the golden past with Sobers, Prasanna, Simpson, Davidson, Knight.....

Bob Simpson started slowly—especially against Prasanna's off-spin. Soon, however, "Simmo" was a rampage, hitting 'Pras', 'Sobers' and 'Davo' all over the ground and beyond it. Prasanna had the last laugh, having Simpson stumped after he had top-scored in the match with 75.

Then Barry Knight and Doug Walters continued the run-glut and Simpson's XI reached 218 for 6 in the final 35th over.

## Hurricane ton in record timing

**A** RECORD of sorts was created in Sydney last month when 13-year-old Paul Pittioni scored a century in 16 minutes in a school match.

He was playing for St. Patrick's Marist Brothers' High School v Epping YMCA on March 20 at Boronia Park, Sydney.

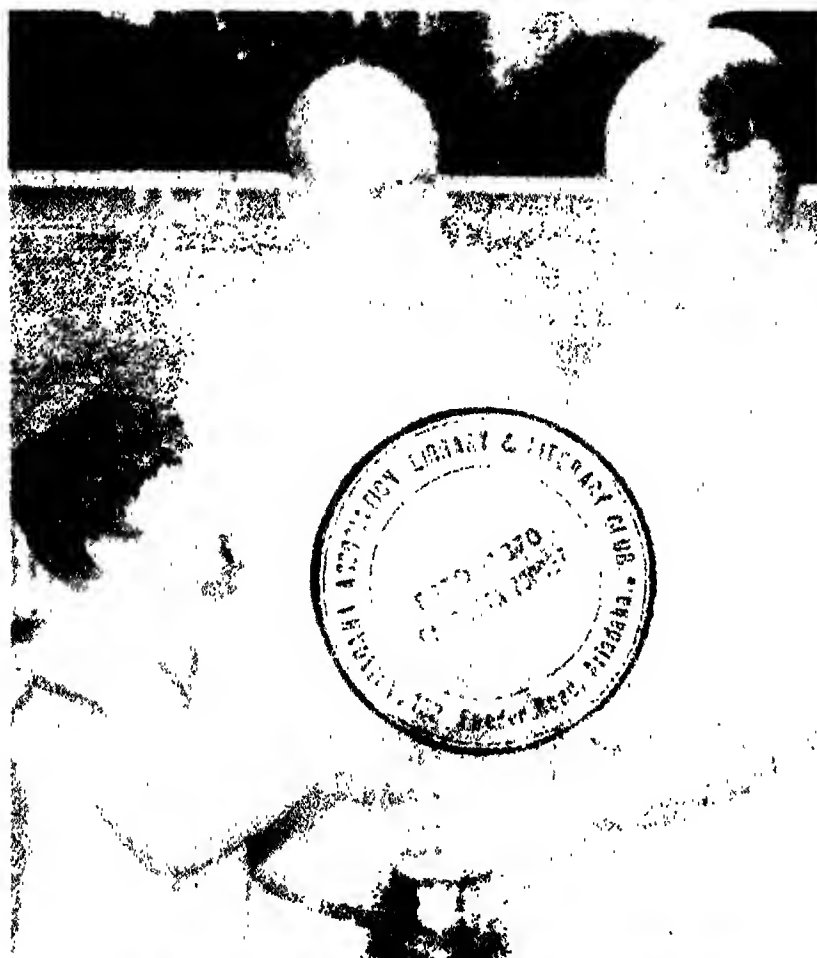
Paul's school team made 465 for 8 which included three centuries including Paul's 146 retired. His first 100 included 8 sixes, 11 fours and eight singles.

A happy Paul said, "After two overs, I was on 50 and the rest is a bit of blur. It was my first century. I couldn't believe it when Wright showed me the time."

Wright, the father of his teammate, had timed his century.

Sir Donald Bradman's famous century in 3 overs (in 1930) in a minor match had come in 18 minutes. Hence Paul's century is the quickest in Australia, probably the world.

No one can ever forget Dady Havewalla's 515 on December 4 and 5, 1933, when he hit 32 sixes (29 in a day!) and 55 fours for BB & CI Railways v St. Xavier's college at Islam Gymkhana in Bombay.



Jehangir Meher-Homji, 11, receiving the Mosman-Middle Harbor District Cricket Club's coaching class award (1981-82) from Bruce Morison, chairman of the club's junior development committee at Mosman Oval, Australia, recently. Looking on is Club's coach Clive Curll. Jehangir is the son of SPORTSWEEK's Australian correspondent

## Century stands in Test cricket: Part 4

# The record partnerships



Vinoo Mankad (above) and Pankaj Roy (below)...together they were involved in the record first wicket stand for India



**U**PTO the end of the 1981-82 season which concluded on March 22, 1982, a grand total of 1,652 century partnerships have been recorded in 827 Tests by eight countries as under:-

England 548 century partnerships, including one quadruple, five triple and 47 double. The highest for each wicket-position

1st Wkt	359	Len Hutton & Cyril Washbrook	v SA (Johannesburg)	1948-49
2nd Wkt	382	Len Hutton & Maurice Leyland	v Aus (The Oval)	1938
3rd Wkt	370	Bill Edrich & Denis Compton	v SA (Lord's)	1947
4th Wkt	411	Peter May & Colin Cowdrey	v WI (Birmingham)	1957
5th Wkt	254	Keith Fletcher & Tony Greig	v Ind (Bombay)	1972-73
6th Wkt	240	Peter Parfitt & Barry Knight	v NZ (Auckland)	1982-83
7th Wkt	197	Mike Smith & Jim Parks	v WI (Port of Spain)	1968-69
8th Wkt	246	Les Ames & 'Gubby' Allen	v NZ (Lord's)	1931
9th Wkt	163	Colin Cowdrey & Alan Smith	v NZ (Wellington)	1962-63
10th Wkt	130	Reginald 'Tip' Foster & Wilfred Rhodes	v Aus (Sydney)	1903-04

Australia 395 century partnerships, including two quadruple, five triple, and 51 double. The highest for each wicket-position

1st Wkt	382	Bill Lawry & Bob Simpson	v WI (Bridgetown)	1964-65
2nd Wkt	481	Bill Ponsford & Don Bradman	v Eng (The Oval)	1934
3rd Wkt	295	Colin McDonald & Neil Harvey	v WI (Kingston)	1954-55
4th Wkt	388	Bill Ponsford & Don Bradman	v Eng (Leeds)	1934
5th Wkt	405	Syd Barnes & Don Bradman	v Eng (Sydney)	1946-47
6th Wkt	348	Jack Fingleton & Don Bradman	v Eng (Melbourne)	1936-37
7th Wkt	217	Doug Walters & Gary Gilmour	v NZ (Christchurch)	1976-77
8th Wkt	243	Roger Hartigan & Clem Hill	v Eng (Adelaide)	1907-08
9th Wkt	154	Syd Gregory & John Blackham	v Eng (Sydney)	1904-05
10th Wkt	127	John Taylor & Arthur Mailey	v Eng (Sydney)	1924-25

South Africa 134 century partnerships, including two triple and seven double. The highest for each wicket-position

1st Wkt	280	Bruce Mitchell & Ivah Siedle	v Eng (Cape Town)	1930-31
2nd Wkt	198	Eric Rowan & Clive van Ryneveld	v Eng (Leeds)	1951
3rd Wkt	341	Eddie Barlow & Graeme Pollock	v Aus (Adelaide)	1963-64
4th Wkt	214	Herbie Taylor & Hubert Deane	v Eng (The Oval)	1929
5th Wkt	157	Tony Pithay & John Waite	v Eng (Johannesburg)	1964-65
6th Wkt	200	Graeme Pollock & Herbert Lance	v Aus (Durban)	1969-70
7th Wkt	246	Jackie McGlew & Anton Murray	v NZ (Wellington)	1982-83
8th Wkt	124	Arthur 'Dave' Nourse & Ernest Halliwell	v Aus (Johannesburg)	1902-03
9th Wkt	137	Eric Delton & Arthur Langton	v Eng (The Oval)	1935
10th Wkt	103	Harold Owen-Smith & Alexander Bell	v Eng (Leeds)	1929

West Indies 236 century partnerships, including one quadruple, four triple and 31 double. The highest for each wicket-position

1st Wkt	238	Jeff Stollmeyer & Alan Rae	v Ind (Madras)	1948-49
2nd Wkt	446	Conrad Hunte & Gary Sobers	v Pak (Kingston)	1957-58
3rd Wkt	338	Everton Weekes & Frank Worrell	v Eng (Port of Spain)	1963-64
4th Wkt	399	Gary Sobers & Frank Worrell	v Eng (Bridgetown)	1968-69
5th Wkt	285	Seymour Nurse & Gary Sobers	v Eng (Leeds)	1968
6th Wkt	274	Gary Sobers & David Holford	v Eng (Lord's)	1966
7th Wkt	347	Denis Atkinson & Clairmont Depeize	v Aus (Bridgetown)	1954-55
8th Wkt	124	Vivian Richards & Keith Boyce	v Ind (Delhi)	1974-75
9th Wkt	122	David Holford & Jackie Hendricks	v Aus (Adelaide)	1968-69
10th Wkt	98	Frank Worrell & Wesley Hall	v Ind (Port of Spain)	1961-62

New Zealand 80 century partnerships, including one triple and four double. The highest for each wicket-position

1st Wkt	387	Glenn Turner & Terry Jarvis	v WI (Georgetown)	1971-72
2nd Wkt	195	John Wright & Geoff Howarth	v Pak (Napier)	1978-79
3rd Wkt	222	Bert Sutcliffe & John Reid	v Ind (Delhi)	1955-56
4th Wkt	229	Bevan Congdon & Brian Hastings	v Aus (Wellington)	1973-74
5th Wkt	183	Mark Burgess & Robert Anderson	v Pak (Lahore)	1976-77
6th Wkt	220	Glenn Turner & Ken Wadsworth	v WI (Kingston)	1971-72
7th Wkt	186	Warren Lees & Richard Hadlee	v Pak (Karachi)	1976-77
8th Wkt	136	Bevan Congdon & Bob Cunis	v WI (Port of Spain)	1971-72
9th Wkt	96	Mark Burgess & Bob Cunis	v Pak (Dacca)	1969-70
10th Wkt	151	Brian Hastings & Richard Collinge	v Pak (Auckland)	1972-73

India 162 century partnerships, including one quadruple, two triple and 10 double. The highest for each wicket-position

1st Wkt	413	Vinoo Mankad & Pankaj Roy	v NZ (Madras)	1955-56
2nd Wkt	344	Sunil Gavaskar & Dilip Vengsarkar	v WI (Calcutta)	1978-79
3rd Wkt	318	Gundappa Viswanath & Yashpal Sharma	v Eng (Madras)	1981-82
4th Wkt	222	Vijay Hazare & Vijay Manjrekar	v Eng (Leeds)	1952
5th Wkt	204	Sunil Gavaskar & Brijesh Patel	v WI (Port of Spain)	1978-79
6th Wkt	193	Dilip Sardesai & Hanuman Singh	v NZ (Bombay)	1964-65
7th Wkt	186	Dilip Sardesai & Eknath Solkar	v WI (Bridgetown)	1970-71

## Mafatlal's incredible victory

**M**AFATLALS, led by shrewd Ashok Mankad often carry a reputation of being a champion side and just a week back they proved it in Goa when from an impossible position in the league they fought back to win the sixth All India Arlem invitation cricket tournament. Incidentally, this was their third triumph in six years.

Apart from host Chowgules, Mafatlals and Tatas from Bombay, Syndicate Bank consisted of Hyderabad and Karnataka Ranji Trophy players and Indian Airlines (Delhi) led by Ashok Malhotra took part in the tournament which was played on a league basis. It provided good competitive cricket. This was the first time a team from north was invited and these Delhi boys, who were without Maninder Singh and Gursharan Singh, certainly created a fine impression. In fact, at one stage, they looked to be the winners but Chowgules denied them a vital bonus point on the penultimate day of the tournament. This



Mafatlal skipper Ashok Mankad receives the Arlem Trophy from Pratapsinh Rane, Chief Minister, Goa, Daman and Diu

point proved so decisive that it brought Mafatlals back into the tournament which they won by beating Syndicate Bank on the concluding day.

It was creditable on the part of Mafatlals to have won the championship especially when they were without the services of Ghulam Parkar, Pandit, Rajput, Contractor, Muckavi and had Sharma and Solkar on the injured list even before the tournament started. To add to it, their main allrounder, Dhiraaj Parana, had to return to Ahmedabad in order to sort out some domestic problem. All these factors were certainly not encouraging. But the replacements played their part when needed and in the ultimate analysis that was what counted.

On the opening day of the tournament Tatas led by Milind Rege had little problems in beating Syndicate Bank on the matting wicket of MPT ground Vasco. Making first use of the wicket, Syndicate Bank were 70 for 1 at one stage, but were bundled out for 171 in 48.2 overs. Chasing this total, the Tata openers, Hemant Kenkre and Prabhu, put on 37 in 12 overs and later on some useful knocks by middle order batsmen enabled Tata reach the target in 46th over with five wickets to spare. In the other match at Panji Gymkhana, Mafatlals made sure of a bonus point while beating Chowgules by six wickets.

Mafatlals looked like adding 3 more points to their tally when on the second day at Arlem Breweries ground at Madgaon, they dismissed 8 Indian Airlines batsman for only 52 runs in 20 overs. The Airline boys who were caught on an underprepared wicket had no answer to the superb off-spin bowling of Sharma who in his allotted 10 overs captured 5 wickets for 12 runs.

At 52 for 8, left-handed Tilakraj joined skipper, Ashok Malhotra, and both the batsmen played sensible cricket. No doubt they were helped by the Mafatlal bowlers who perhaps didn't expect stern resistance from tailenders. The line and length of Joshi and Thakkar was certainly not good to be penetrative and Malhotra in particular took

Overleaf

### Figures are fun

8th Wkt	143	'Bapu' Nadkarni & Farokh Engineer	v NZ (Madras)	1964-65
9th Wkt	149	'Nana' Joshi & Ramakant Desai	v Pak (Bombay)	1960-61
10th Wkt	109	Hemu Adhikari & Ghulam Ahmed	v Pak (Delhi)	1952-53

Pakistan 84 century partnerships, including two triple and eight double. The highest for each wicket-position

1st Wkt	249	Khalid Ibadulla & Abdul Kadir	v Aus (Karachi)	1964-65
2nd Wkt	281	Zahoor Abbas & Mushtaq Mohammad	v Eng (Birmingham)	1971
3rd Wkt	223*	Taslim Arif & Javed Miandad	v Aus (Faisalabad)	1978-80
4th Wkt	360	Mushtaq Mohammad & Asif Iqbal	v NZ (Dunedin)	1972-73
5th Wkt	281	Javed Miandad & Asif Iqbal	v NZ (Lahore)	1976-77
6th Wkt	217	Hanif Mohammad & Majid Khan	v NZ (Lahore)	1964-65
7th Wkt	308	Waqar Hassan & Imtiaz Ahmed	v NZ (Lahore)	1955-56
8th Wkt	130	Hanif Mohammad & Asif Iqbal	v Eng (Lord's)	1967
9th Wkt	190	Asif Iqbal & Imtiaz Ahmed	v Eng (The Oval)	1967
10th Wkt	133	Wasim Raja & Wasim Bari	v WI (Bridgetown)	1976-77

Sri Lanka's solitary century partnership to date is quite impressively a double one. Only one other country (New Zealand) has matched this performance by starting off in Test cricket with a double-century stand—276 (1st Wkt) between Charles Stewart Dempster and Ernest Mills vs England at Wellington in 1929-30. Sri Lanka's highest for each wicket-position, all in the 1981-82 season

1st Wkt	77	Sidath Wettimuny & Mahes Goonetilleke	v Pak (Faisalabad)	
2nd Wkt	217	Sidath Wettimuny & Roy Dias	v Pak (Faisalabad)	
3rd Wkt	62	Sidath Wettimuny & Roy Dias	v Pak (Lahore)	
4th Wkt	47	Ranjan Madugalle & Ravi Ratnayake	v Pak (Karachi)	
5th Wkt	99	Ranjan Madugalle & Arjuna Ranatunga	v Eng (Colombo)	
6th Wkt	30	Arjuna Ranatunga & Somachandra De Silva	v Pak (Karachi)	
7th Wkt	43	Roy Dias & Somachandra De Silva	v Pak (Lahore)	
8th Wkt	61	Dulip Mendis & Somachandra De Silva	v Pak (Karachi)	
9th Wkt	61	Ranjan Madugalle & Somachandra De Silva	v Pak (Faisalabad)	
10th Wkt	40*	Asantha De Mel & Lalith Kaluperum	v Pak (Faisalabad)	
10th Wkt	28	Mahes Goonetilleke & Ajith De Silva	v Eng (Colombo)	

To sum up, hereunder are the record wicket partnerships in Test cricket. Any one called out three each for England and Australia, one each for India, West Indies, Pakistan and New Zealand

1st Wkt	413	Vinoo Mankad & Pankaj Roy	IND vs NZ (Madras)	1955-56
2nd Wkt	481	Bill Ponsford & Don Bradman	AUS vs Eng (The Oval)	1934
3rd Wkt	370	Bill Edrich & Denis Compton	ENG vs SA (Lord's)	1947
4th Wkt	411	Peter May & Colin Cowdrey	ENG vs WI (Birmingham)	1957
5th Wkt	405	Syd Barnes & Don Bradman	AUS vs Eng (Sydney)	1946-47
6th Wkt	346	Jack Fingleton & Don Bradman	AUS vs Eng (Melbourne)	1936-37
7th Wkt	347	Dennis Atkinson & Clairmont Depueze	WI vs Aus (Bridgetown)	1954-55
8th Wkt	248	Les Ames & 'Gubby' Allen	ENG vs NZ (Lord's)	1931
9th Wkt	190	Asif Iqbal & Imtiaz Ahmed	PAK vs Eng (The Oval)	1967
10th Wkt	181	Brian Hastings & Richard Collinge	NZ vs Pak (Auckland)	1972-73

I have a feeling that, it won't be long before the spirited Sri Lanka batsmen break into this cherished circle if the Wettimuny-Dias stand at Faisalabad is any criterion



## Arlem Cricket

advantage of such bowling, they registered 101 runs partnership in 27 overs for the ninth wicket before Tilakraj was bowled by Joshi. Malhotra remained unbeaten with 93 inclusive of six fours and a six off Yograj Singh.

Chasing the total of 164 runs Mafatlals were soon in trouble. Wickets fell at regular interval. Medium pacer Pawan Kumar captured 4 for 22 in 10 overs and Mafatlals were all out for 188 runs in 40.5 overs. At Vasco Tatas going in for bonus point lost seven wickets against Chowgules but managed to win.

Though on paper Syndicate Bank looked a more balanced side than Airlines, no side can ever hope to win if their main bowlers bowl badly and catches were missed. Medium pacers Sainath and Wahab gave 50 and 68 runs respectively in allotted 10 overs. Spinners Shivali Yadav and Jugal Kishore Ghia could have been more effective had they not experimented. All these factors plus Vishwanath's incompetent keeping put the batsmen on their defence on the third day at Arlem. Malhotra as usual took advantage of it by scoring a brilliant 131 runs.

In first 25 overs Airlines scored 122 for loss of Ramen Lamba's wicket but in the remaining 25 overs they added 158 runs. There was a partnership between Malhotra and N.P. Singh of 75 runs in 13 overs and then with Rajesh Petar. Malhotra added 49 runs in only 4.5 overs. This onslaught gave Indian Airlines a bonus point.

At the end of the second round Indian Airlines were leading with 7 points followed by Tatas with 6 points. Mafatlals having lost one game had to content with 4 points. The batsmen and

the host were generous in helping others open their account.

On the third day at Arlem Tatas were required to beat Mafatlals to be in the running for the championship and so did Mafatlals but Tatas missed a golden opportunity. It was unfortunate that even after capturing the wickets of Jayantilal Parsana, Mankad and Patel for only 22 runs Tatas couldn't force a win. They scored 160 for 9 in 50 overs and Mafatal surpassed the total with two wickets to spare.

On the penultimate day of the tournament Chowgules batting first were routed by the spin bowling of Tilakraj who captured 5 for 21. Chasing a paltry score of 155, Airlines opener Vivek Agarwal put 50 on the board in only 7 overs. But the temptation of going for the bonus point landed them in serious trouble when the spinners came on to bowl and from 50 for 1 Airlines collapsed to 84 for 7 and would have lost the game had Sunderam at covers accepted a sitter offered by Malhotra. At 115 the ninth wicket fell when Malhotra trying to flick Vijay Chowgule was out lbw. However Bhattacharyya made sure of winning run.

On the concluding day Indian Airlines with 10 points needed a win over Tatas and Mafatlals with 7 points required a win with a bonus point against Syndicate Bank.

Yograj Singh served his skipper well by checking stroke-maker Moses and thereafter Mankad brought on Joshi when the batsmen were in the mood to hit. Jayaprakash batted superbly for 68 but the rest just couldn't cope up with the pressure. Syndicate Bank scored 192 in 49.1 overs.

Mafatlals had everything to gain and nothing to lose. Their openers Jayantilal and Keluskar in particular chanced their arms and put on 100 runs in only 19 overs. An average of 5 runs per over was required to get a bonus point. In the next six overs they added 46 runs before Keluskar got out for brilliant 73. Soon

Jayantilal (66) and Brijesh Patel followed.

The average too dropped down considerably. Again it was left to Yograj Singh who was promoted in the batting order. A Kanhai-like sweep to the fence off Yadav and a straight driven four by him gave them the bonus in the 37th over.

Across the river at Panji Tatas batting first scored 129 for 2 at lunch in 29 overs against Airlines. A fine second wicket partnership between opener Hemant Kenkre (59) and Ranjan Baidoor (61) of 102 runs put Tatas in a happy position but later on in order to accelerate the rate of scoring Tatas lost wickets at regular interval and were all out for 209 in 49.4 overs. Peter captured 4 for 33 in 10 overs.

With wicket taking a considerable amount of spin 209 was a difficult target against the good Tata attack. Indian Airlines were 78 for 4 in 20 overs with Malhotra going strong but at 100 for 4 Malhotra edged one from Sharad Rao and wicketkeeper Kenkre took a brilliant catch. Malhotra scored 47. After his dismissal the rest of the batsmen fell to Kulkarni who took 3 for 19 and Shivalkar and Baidoor got two wickets each. Indian Airlines were all out for 156 in 45th over.

Mafatlals with 11 points won the Arlem trophy. Ashok Malhotra and Pawan Kumar of Indian Airlines were declared Best Batsman and Best Bowler of the tournament respectively.

The tournament could have been more interesting had the umpires been competent. It was too much for local umpires to withstand the pressure exerted by outstation professional players. The organizers would be well advised to invite a couple of first class umpires either from West or South and it would be educative to a local umpire if he is partnered by a first class umpire in a match.

**MAKARAND WAINGANKAR**



Delhi Sports Journalists Association skipper V. Srivastava (centre) and manager Kamlesh Thapliyal receiving the J.K. Bose Cricket Trophy from Mrs. J.K. Bose in New Delhi, after emerging victors in the round-robin matches played between Bombay, Calcutta, Madras and Delhi.



Officials and players of the triumphant Delhi Sports Journalists Association pose after their maiden success in the tournament.

# Axed not a day too soon!

**T**HE decision to sack the coach of India's hockey team, Harmik Singh, and the manager, Jhamanlal Sharma, has come not a day too soon.

In fact, the axe should have fallen on them immediately after India failed to qualify for the semifinals of the World Cup.

Such a demand had been made in these columns at the time. Most hockey enthusiasts, too, sincerely felt the need for a change.

The question is not whether any other coach and manager would have transformed the team considering the paucity of talent.

May be. May be not.

However, the principle needed to be established that the coach and manager were accountable for the team's performance.

Such is the practice all over the world.

It is the only way to ensure that the two worthies strive harder for the success of the team than even the players.

Admittedly, a team's showing depends upon a variety of factors. At the same time, there can be no denying the fact that the role of the coach and the manager is the most important of these.

Had this point been fully appreciated by the Indian Hockey Federation, greater care would surely have been exercised in the first place.

Indeed, the sacking is an admission of the IHF's own mistake.

Whatever their other virtues may be, the fact remains that neither Harmik nor Sharma has been associated with the complicated task of producing a match-winning combination.

So this is the first quality that the IHF should look for while appointing the new coach and manager. The two should have a proven record.

The two should also be given wide powers. Unless they have considerable authority, it will be extremely difficult for them to exercise any form of discipline over the team.

Who the new coach and manager will be remains to be seen, but one wonders why they need to be saddled with four assistant coaches to look after the goal, the deep defence, the intermediate line and the attack.

Too many coaches, like too many cooks will only spoil the broth.

It is not as though a team can be assembled like a pre-fabricated structure.

The team has to function as a whole. The lack of fluidity and understanding among the various components has

been the biggest drawback among Indian teams in recent times.

At the World Cup, India displayed speed without understanding. The players were also poor in basics like trapping and shooting. The conversion of penalty corners also left a lot to be desired.

These are the areas in which the Indian team will have to strive hard for improvement and it can be achieved only when there is no clash of ideas among the coaches.

Needless to add, the more the number of coaches the greater will be the clash of ideas.

It is to be hoped that the axe will also fall on the skipper. Well, though he played in one or two matches, Surjit Singh was not fully fit during the World Cup.



we do not have the imposing presence of the IHF president, IM Mahajan, around the team.

Why Mahajan should take upon himself the onerous task of being with the team at all times and having a hand in all the decisions is hard to understand.

The result is that the manager and the coaches begin to look up to him for advice instead of exercising their minds and taking decisions independently.

Since the final responsibility for the performance of the team does not rest with the IHF president, he will be well advised to keep off.

Mahajan is not another Brij Ati.

And apart from interfering with the team's preparations with predictable results, Mahajan's presence is also costing money.



The manager, Jhamanlal Sharma and his ousted colleague, chief coach Harmik Singh.

Indeed, an injury he had sustained before the World Cup was a common secret and it was a near miracle that he came through the championships without being rendered hors de combat.

The Indian team was taking a grave risk by playing him. Age has begun to tell on Surjit and we can no longer afford the luxury of a player who is prone to injury and who can now play well only in patches.

As in the case of the coach and the manager, the IHF needs to take a hard look at the composition of the team as well and choose players solely on merit and their ability to combine with each other.

As the poet said, we need to bury the past and act in the living present.

This objective can be achieved only when

Even after the amount forked out by the Bengal Hockey Association has been cleverly split into two parts, it is seen that the IHF president has spent a staggering Rs 53,541 on the hospitality of the Pakistani and other visiting teams for the World Cup.

Since the organisers, the Bombay Hockey Association, had met the hotel and travel expenses of all the participants, one is entitled to know how Mahajan spent such a large sum on his own.

Clearly, the IHF president was not entertaining all the teams but only the key officials accompanying them.

The public has a right to know the break-up.

Come to think of it, Mahajan too should go.



## Still it's Sunday best

**T**HE John Player League now almost as familiar on Sundays as roast beef and Yorkshire pudding is guaranteed for the next five years

Despite having to share television coverage with other sports the tobacco company signed a new £2 million deal with the Test and County Cricket Board it is cricket's biggest sponsorship and means that John Player will have contributed £3 million to the game since the League began in 1989 until the new agreement ends in 1996

'This is one of our happier days' said TCCB secretary Donald Carr. And it is especially welcome after one or two difficult ones in the past few weeks

This summer, the financial support will be worth £300 000 including the highest prize money—£58 000—for any cricket competition in England

Of that, the winners will take £12 000 compared with the £7 500 Essex earned for winning the title last season and the £1 000 the first three winners—Lancashire (twice) and Worcester—received

The runners up this year will get £5 500 an increase of £2 000 the third place prize money goes up £700 to £2 500 and for the first time the fourth team will get a prize of £1,300

Apart from its television popularity the Sunday League continues to attract big crowds. Last season more than 400,000 spectators watched the matches with gate receipts of £430 000 bringing the counties much needed revenue

It should be a better game too this year with the introduction of fielding circles which were a success in the Benson and Hedges Cup last summer

PAT GIBSON

## Five Tests

**E**NGLAND will play five Tests on their Australian cricket tour next winter. They have also agreed on a reduction in the number of one day internationals

Five Tests—one down on the last visit to Australia—are to be completed before the Benson and Hedges one day series begins

The triangular competition between England, Australia and New Zealand starts in January and will consist of five one-day matches between each of the countries and a best of three final

There will be a rest day in each of the Tests except in Melbourne over Christmas

## Gooch & Co stock fall

**E**NGLAND's banned Test cricketers, led by Graham Gooch, John Emburey and Geoff Boycott, were in danger of hearing some home truths at the Cricketers' Association meeting at Edgbaston

The three players, who the Test and County Cricket Board suspended from playing for England for three years for taking part in 'representative' cricket in South Africa, were hoping to persuade fellow professionals to help them to have their suspensions revoked

If I judge the mood of county cricketers correctly, though the trip—and the other 'rebel tourists' who aligned themselves behind them—will leave Warwickshire with burning ears

For, while only a handful of cricketers blame them for accepting £25,000-plus

for a month's cricket in the Republic, the major view, understandably, is that they went to South Africa with their eyes open and should take their medicine without complaint

As England skipper Keith Fletcher said when the suspensions were announced: 'They knew what the score was when they went'

Fletcher like Ian Botham, Bob Willis, David Gower and one or two others, rejected the tour because they knew the likely consequences

On a personal note, I much regret that Gooch and Emburey are trying, against advice, to have their cake and eat it. Both are much respected on the cricket circuit, but none their stock is sure to fall

JOHN THICKNESSE



*Pankaj Sharma receiving the Vapi Industries Association Trophy and Murphy single-wicket tournament prize from Mrs. Pushpa Nadkarni, wife of former Test cricketer Bapu Nadkarni. In the centre is Doordarshan sports-in-charge Surajit Sen*

## Sharma pips Jadhav

**A**RUN OUT off the penultimate ball of his allotted four overs deprived Deepak Jadhav of the top prize in the fourth single wicket tournament of Vapi Industries Association sponsored by Murphy India at the VIA ground Vapi on Sunday

Jadhav who went to England with the India under 19 team last year needed just two runs to overhaul Pankaj Sharma's score of 27. But he set off for a run as Anant Solkar dropped his catch only to see Jai Raj Thakur rush in and throw the ball to Sharma

Jadhav defeated Rege in the semifinals. But he had trouble in the earlier round when Sandhu tied the

scores with him at six. Jadhav however won the two over replay

Jayesh Pandya was the best fielder

The champion Sharma who plays for RCF in local cricket played some good shots in the final. He received the Murphy rotating trophy as well as the VIA trophy plus Rs 1500 cash from Mrs. Pushpa Nadkarni, wife of former Test cricketer Bapu Nadkarni, who was the chief guest

Speaking on the occasion Nadkarni hoped that the VIA ground would meet the specifications required for firstclass cricket so that a Ranji trophy match could be played there

# A vintage season

**T**HE phenomenal feats of Maharashtra fired the imagination of the public. Running commentaries of the entire fixtures at Pune and Madras were broadcast for the first time. For the people suffering from war time worries and acute shortage of some essential commodities, cricket proved to be the right palliative. Record breaking totals were the correct diversion, nay the soothing opiate!

My welcome was warm enough but I sent cold shivers through my well-wishers by my poor showing. In the second round match against Sind. A few years earlier, I had managed to get a couple of centuries at Karachi. That time I was dismissed for scores of 3 and 12. An unknown off-spinner Girdhari claimed me in both the innings. Baroda made an inglorious exit. I tried to retrieve some of my prestige through bowling and I was fairly successful. I was given a long spell and I bowled 55 overs. I derived some satisfaction when I returned the figures of 5 for 66.

In the earlier encounter against Gujarat I shone more with the ball than with the bat and claimed 7 of our opponents. In scoring 38 and 66 I had a tally of 9 consecutive half centuries in as many matches (with five of them running into three figures). But Adhikari outshone me by his hundred.

## Bundled

The defeat against Sind meant the end of Baroda's challenge in the championship. My former side Maharashtra fared even worse and were unceremoniously bundled out in the very first round by speed merchant Bannerjee (with the figures of 8 for 25) for a meagre 39. Imagine the fall of the one time giants after their stupendous feats. But that is the unpredictability of cricket!

I played in the Pentagulars and made scores of 74 and 101 not out against the Muslims to whom we lost in the first round. But on the whole I was not a batting success in that season. Even on my lucky ground the Poona Club where a festival match was played to honour Dadhar, I was bowled by Amar Nath for a paltry 25 in the first innings. The law of averages seemed to have claimed me and I was doomed for a failure after those two glorious seasons.

Vijay Merchant stole the limelight in the season when he established a new Pentagular record by making 243 not out, followed by scores of 221 in the next match and 170 not out and 153 not out in the Ranji Trophy ties. Bombay emerged as the national champions.

Conditions in the country were so unsettled after the Quit India

movement in 1942 that the communal tournament was scrapped. It seemed that many were against holding the national championship as well. Bombay gave the lead by declaring that they would not participate. Baroda however decided to take part and ultimately went on to win the gold cup for the first time.

Two of Bombay's players Mantri and Dattu Phadkar turned out for Maharashtra against whom we were drawn in the first round. The match proved its thrills when Baroda gained the vital first innings lead with the last pair in Mantri, the wicketkeeper of our opponents thought the batsman was bowled and



*Vijay Hazare...struck a run-getting gold mine and unearthed a few records in the 1943-44 Ranji Trophy season*

threw up his hands in jubilation. It proved a little premature as the fateful ball beat the batsman, missed the wicket and eluded the wicketkeeper too. He missed a stumping in the process and the resulting byes gave us the lead. Sardar Ghorpade remained unbeaten with a plucky 60 to see us in this happy state. My contribution was 32 and 44 not out. In the second innings a robust century by Rasesh Nimbalkar gave us an outright win.

Baroda's next match against the Western India States was another closely fought tussle and Baroda just emerged victors by a very narrow margin of 3 runs. The match became famous because of an umpiring aberration. Baroda were given a splendid start by Nimbalkar and Yakub Sheikh. After that only I made a few runs. I was top-scorer with 73. We gained a first innings lead but were shot out for a moderate total in the second venture. Our opponents lost wickets but

crept nearer to victory. When I began the final over they needed only 4 runs with two wickets in hand.

I got a wicket with the first ball of the over. Their last man came running on to the crease. As I was walking back to my mark, the umpire at the bowler's end, Makarand Bhawe, looked at his watch and told his colleague at square leg, Wali Ahmed in Hindi, 'Although we said that this would be the last over, only 20 seconds are left and the batsman will be facing the last ball.' On hearing these fateful words, the batsman went for a big hit and was stumped by yards to give us an exciting win.

## Lodged

Later our opponents lodged an official protest with the Control Board. Their argument was that due to the umpire's words their batsman jeopardised his wicket. It is clear that the umpire erred in not allowing the over to be completed. He had started the last over and the incoming batsman had claimed his right by reaching the crease in time. The protest was overruled and we were awarded the match. Quite a little technical drama!

The semifinal against Rajputana was for a change a one-sided affair. Centuries by C.S. Nayudu and M.M. Naidu gave us a big total. C.S. then took the ball and led the opponents to destruction with a little help from me.

Baroda thus reached the final. We travelled down south to Hyderabad to decide who was to claim the Ranji Trophy. Gulam Ahmed, a former Test captain, was reputed to be a deadly bowler and was their principal weapon. Batting first we made 308. Hyderabad made a good reply and were 140 for 2 on their way to overhaul our total. But then C.S. Nayudu struck and I abetted him in dismissing our adversaries for 215. I followed my 81 in the first innings with another useful score. Just when I looked set for my hundred, a slow bowler Bhooopathy bowled me for 97. But our total proved too much for the home team and we coasted to an easy victory. Baroda became the national champions for the first time.

Bombay, the home of Indian cricket and usually a centre of cricketing activity, was completely starved of any competitive cricket. The local public got a treat at the fag end of the season when a festival match was arranged for charity. In Bengal, cyclone had caused a havoc while in Bijapur in the south, famine had raised its ugly head.

The laudable object of the match was to aid the victims of both these calamities. Bombay public responded

## A Long Innings

nobly and it was upto us, the cricketers to serve up entertaining fare.

Gul, Mahomed and I shared a big partnership of 302 and we hit up over 400 in a day's play. At the end of the day I had completed my first double century at the famous Brabourne Stadium and was still not out. Next day I reached 284 and had the satisfaction of settling some of the old score with Amir Elahi, who to be fair to him ultimately got me stumped.

Our opponents after a disastrous start in which they lost—the prize wickets of Merchant and Amarnath, who between them made a solitary run, were rescued by three men. Grand Old Man, Doodhar and Rangnekar recorded centuries. Ibrahim outshone everybody by making 250 and looked like going on forever till I caught him.

This match produced a world record when the combined total of the first innings by either side reached 1376. The scores are worth recording. My side, called Bengal Cyclone XI made 703 and the Bijapur Famine XI as the other team was styled, replied with 673.

## Struck

I regard the 1943-44 season as the Vintage season. I struck a run getting gold mine and unearthed a few record breaking 'ingots'. For the first time the Rest side came into limelight. I was officially given the post of a vice-captain. We met the Muslims, the reigning champions. They hit up a fairly safe total of 350. An elegant century by opener Nazir Mohamed, who was called Mushtaq—the second after our own star—was the highlight of our opponents' innings.

The Rest soon got into trouble and lost the first 3 wickets for 30. Soon we lost one more wicket. This brought Arolkar and me together. Unnerved by the situation, Arolkar stood up to the wiles of Amir Elahi and the accurate Saeed Ahmad. At the other end, runs came smoothly to me. By the end of the day's play, I completed my century. Arolkar and I were still together at 225 for 4.

We had a great opportunity to humble the doughty opponents. My stand with young Arolkar realised 235 and when he ultimately fell, he had a most praiseworthy 66 opposite his name. My younger brother Vivek joined me and we had another useful partnership. I soon reached 200, my second in successive innings at the fabulous Bombay venue. The Rest managed to overtake the Muslims score and to secure the all important first innings lead. On the way to our win, I made 248 and in the process lowered Merchant's tournament record of 243.

I naturally rejoiced in my achievement. Twice in successive encounters with my bogey-man, Amir Elahi, I had hit up double centuries. In fact my total in the two tussles exceeded 500. I

thought I had fairly settled the score with my adversary. Not to be out-done, the crafty leg-spinner caught and bowled me in the end to return a rich haul of 8 victims in our innings. However I must add that this stigma of a personal duel between a batsman and a bowler is meaningless. There will always be struggle between the bat and the ball for supremacy. (Amir Elahi died in December 1980).

The Rest team had to face another ordeal in the final when we faced the Hindus. To take on the two leading sides in the tournament and the country was too much for my poor team. In a slaughter of the innocents, the redoubtable Hindus ran up a huge total of 581 for 5. Merchant and Adhikari shared a partnership of 345. When I got past Adhikari's defence he had made 186. Merchant went on serenely to total 250. He broke my week old record and then declared his side's innings closed.

I was called on to bowl more than 50 overs and as I was a medium paced bowler, you can imagine the work I had to put in. In terms of wicket taking I was our most successful bowler as I got 3 out of the five wickets that fell. But the opponent's big score was mocking at us.

We collapsed and were bundled out for a paltry 133. My share was 59. Inevitably we were forced to follow-on. I enjoyed a slice of luck early in my innings but we were soon in deep waters with our score board reading 60 with half the side out. No one gave us a chance that we would make a match of it.

I was settling down and once again the Hazare brothers came together. Vivek seemed unnerved by the occasion and literally dug himself in. He blocked every ball and proved immovable. Even Trevor Bailey could have taken Vivek's correspondence course! With the other end safe, I got down to a free stroke play and reached my hundred. When the cows came home, we were still together.

The last day dawned and what a day to remember! Vivek continued in the same mood, untrifled and unhurried. I found run getting easy and soon crossed the 200 mark. As long as we stayed together, the Rest could make a match of it. At lunch I was still in with my brother. My score was 247. I had managed to get a century before lunch. I was not hogging the strike but left brother Vivek to his own job.

Our partnership for the sixth wicket rocketed to a new high in domestic cricket and was worth 300. It was probably the only instance of two brothers setting it. For over 5½ hours, Vivek had defended valiantly and doggedly. His share of the stand was just 21. Then he touched once and was snapped up by one of the close infielders who were all the while breathing down his neck.

After Vivek's dismissal, wickets tumbled in quick succession and the writing was on the wall. We seemed doomed to an innings defeat. With my own score of 295 I was facing Sarwate. I lifted him over the mid-off's head to the fence to record my first six at the Brabourne Stadium and my 300. It was

the second innings over 300 by me. I hope I am not boasting when I say that to date I am the only Indian to do so.

Later I was reminded that Jack Ryder of Victorias when on 295, was determined to reach 300 in grand style by smiting a six. As he had already hit half a dozen of them, it looked child's play for him. But he came to grief and never reached his target. I was more fortunate!

The Bombay-Baroda fixture to which I had invited the public proved to be the star attraction of the season. For the first time the gates were closed as the stadium could not accommodate more spectators. Bombay won the toss and took the first knock. After I got the first wicket, Bombay found C.S. Nayudu in a devastating mood and lost half the side before lunch for a paltry 90.

Resolute batting by Skipper Merchant and Rangnekar pulled the home team out of a tight corner. But C.S. struck again to dismiss them both—clean bowled. Rangnekar 98 and Merchant 141 in spite of scoring so many runs they never quite mastered C.S. Nayudu. We seemed to have the match well in hand with Bombay's score reading 340 for 8. Madan Raiji and Cooper then succeeded where their more renowned colleagues had been unable to do. They knocked the great C.S. off his length to reach 487. C.S. Nayudu however ended with a bag of 7 victims.

## Seemed

We too started badly and lost opener M.M. Naidu before a run was on the board. Vigorous batting by Nimbalkar and a careful resistance by Adhikari realised a century stand. After they were separated, the Hazare brothers came together. For a while we seemed to repeat our earlier performances. We were still together at lunch.

The new ball taken soon afterwards proved fatal for Baroda. In an inspired spell Khut turned the tables by a hat-trick, in which he clean bowled all his three victims. Vivek was the first to go, followed by C.S. Nayudu and then Indulkar. We never recovered the shock. I was just 33 at that stage. I tried to farm the bowling and to protect the tail-enders. In the process I was able to reach my century. But with a leeway of about 200 still to make, I realised that it was a hopeless task as wickets continued to fall at the other end. We were dismissed for 297 and surrendered our hold on the Ranji Trophy.

In those days, the knock out system was in force. So Baroda had to bow out in the first round. I was in such a good form that season that I feel justified in stating that I could have made quite a few more runs if given some more matches. Even our conquerors, Bombay did not last long and lost in the West Zone final. But before that Merchant had succeeded in breaking both of my Pentagonal and Ranji Trophy records by making 359 not out against my former side, Maharashtra. Later it was in turn eclipsed by Bhausaheb Nimbalkar with 443 not out.

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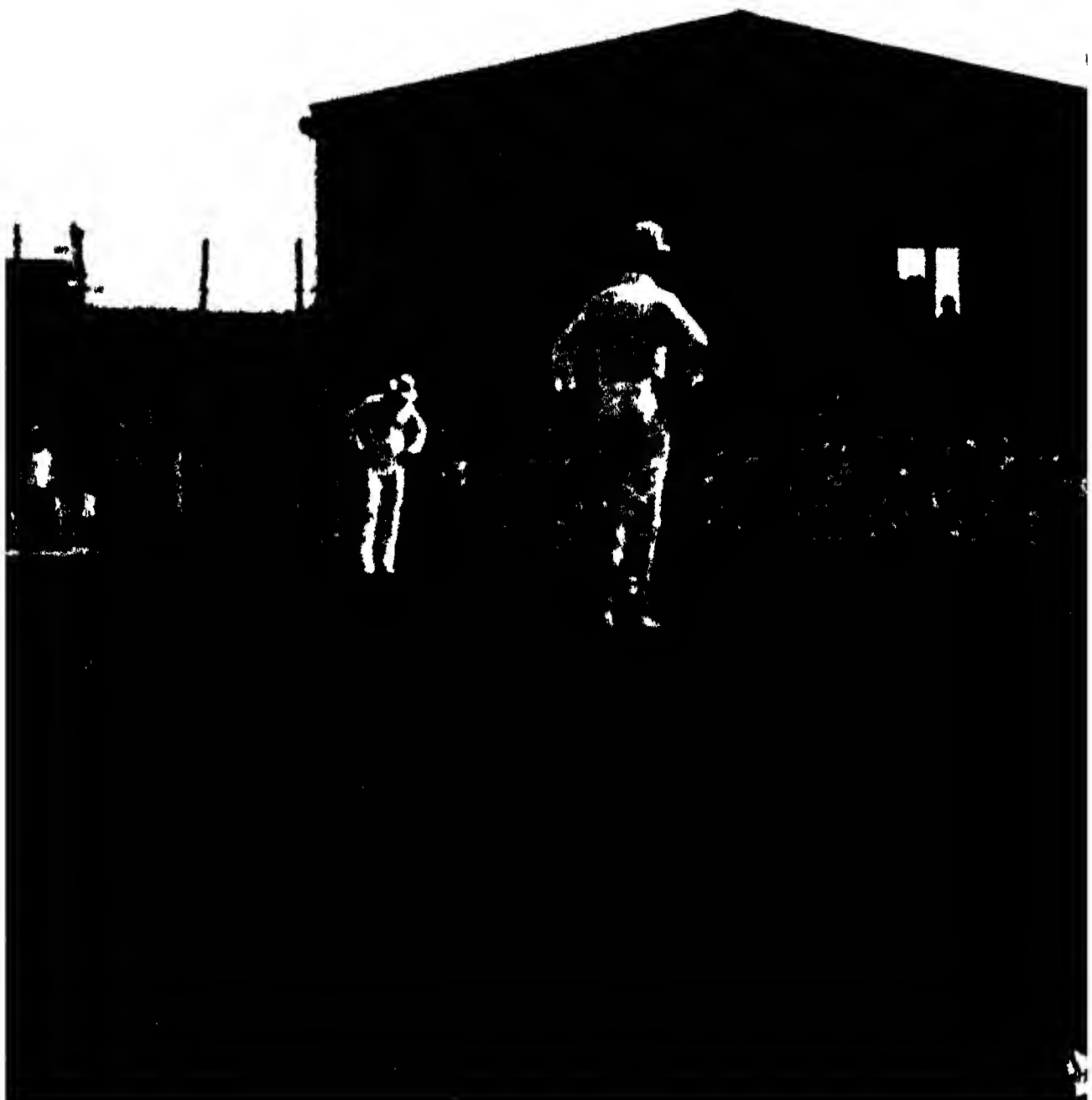
# SPORTS

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# SPORTS WEEK







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## The first decade

**A**NY early apprehension that the Indian Cricket Board might have had about the success of the Ranji trophy championship was set at rest by the end of the first decade of the competition in 1943-44.

The championship turned out to be as important as the County championship of England, the Sheffield Shield of Australia and the Currie Cup of South Africa. As the championship progressed and gained importance from year to year, the other leading tournaments in the country like the Bombay and Sind Pentangulars, and annual contests like the Presidency Match at Madras, lost their status leading to gradual extinction later on.

The Ranji trophy championship broadened the basis of cricket in the country bringing into competitive cricket players from its far-flung corners. As a result cricket talent from these places had the opportunity to show their mettle and catch the eye of the National Selector.

Really, in recent years, the convention of appointing to the panel of selectors a representative from each of the five zones—West, Central North, East and South—had to be resorted to for helping the selection committee to watch the talent in his zone.

In effect, the championship helped the selectors to choose the Indian team from a large mass of players than from their deeds in some one leading tournament like the Bombay Pentangular.

### Sprinkling

In the opening years of the decade there was a large sprinkling of Englishmen participating in the championship, especially in teams from the important centres like Madras, Calcutta, Delhi and Lahore. However, it was surprising that Bombay had not played in this decade even one Englishman in their teams; nor Maharashtra, with its headquarters in Pune.

The Army team which took part in the inaugural year of the championship and played only one match, which they lost, had nine Englishmen in the side and was captained by Col. R. Rampfield.

Most of the Englishmen who played for Madras, Bengal, Northern India, to cite a few teams, like C.P. Johnstone, A.L. Hoole, S.W. Behrend, G.B. Abell, R. L. Holdsworth, H.P. Ward, A.F. Wensley, R.J.C. Meyer were outstanding players, some of them good enough to lead their teams.

But by the end of the decade almost all of them had dropped out of the game, either because of their circumstances of

service, or "old" age or because of the challenge of local talent.

A major contributory cause for the success of the competition was the patronage generously extended by the princely families. Some of these princes like the then Yuvaraj of Patiala and R.K. Indravijasinji were fine cricketers themselves.

By providing the incentive of a job to cricketers in the State service, the princes built up teams which took part in the championship. Baroda, Nawanagar and Holkar were classic examples of such patronage.

An interesting aspect of this decade was that the winners of the championship were spread out among the contestants, instead of one like Bombay in later years completely dominating the scene. Bombay won thrice, Maharashtra twice while Nawanagar, Hyderabad, Bengal, Baroda and Western India once.

Enjoying the advantages of being the home of Indian cricket and nurturing fine traditions Bombay was, as expected, a very strong side even at the start of the championship. More significant was the emergence of Maharashtra and Holkar under the stewardship of the two stalwarts D.B. Deodhar and C.K. Nayudu.

Deodhar and Nayudu were both great cricketers, conspicuous not only by their natural flair for the game but also for their dedication and discipline. They

practised what they preached, and thus provided the inspiration to their players to rise to their full stature.

Even in the last season of the decade (1943-44), despite being in their late forties, they were not only leading their sides with panache, but were also making significant contributions; Deodhar made 39 and 60 against Baroda, while C.K. scored a century and claimed eight wickets against Bengal in the East Zone final.

Deodhar and C.K. deserve to occupy special niches in the country's cricket not only because of their stature as players but also because of their influence in shaping cricket in Maharashtra and Holkar.

In the season by season review the performances of many of the players has been referred to, but the one player who needs special mention in this summing up is L. Amar Singh.

In the six seasons that he played before his premature death in the summer of 1940, Amar Singh made a terrific impact with his all-round ability.

Bowling, batting or fielding, he riveted attention with his brilliance and the nonchalant manner with which he deputed himself. He had completed his double 1000 runs and 100 wickets, the first to record the feat in the championship in 1939-40 and was set for greater deeds when death claimed him. Amar Singh was only 29 years old then.





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- 7 O'Reilly
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- 9 Larwood
- 10, 11 Larwood, Voce
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# Results as per expectations

**M**AFATLAL Premier Tyres Jagatjit Cotton and Textiles Mills and Salgaocar made it from the four preliminary clusters and joined in the quarter finals the four seeded teams holders Mohun Bagan 1979 winners Border Security Force last year's runners up Mohammedan Sporting and joint winners with Mohun Bagan in 1978 and 1980 East Bengal

These results were as per pre tournament expectations save for the success of Salgaocar over Bombay's Tata Sports Club. However it must be said that the Bombay team that qualified for the second stage Mafatlal were rather fortunate

It was only a goal two minutes from the end by their new recruit from Bihar Bhushan Chandra Gurung that carried Mafatlal into the second round after a

match full of anxious moments for much of the first half in particular State Bank of India (Madras) harried them no end and former Calicut University and Kerala left winger Ricky Brown was among the forwards who failed with gilt edged chances

Of course former Century Rayon goalkeeper Sacramento D Silva saved Mafatlal on many occasions when the fall of their citadel looked certain

Mafatlal were a little better in their next outing against Vasco of Goa which ended goalless in the replay. However Mafatlal mauled Vasco by five goals to nil. They outsmarted the Goans who saw slightly more of the ball but left gaps in the defence when moving upfield. Pran Chatterjee scored good

goals to give Mafatlal a halftime 2-0 lead

Vasco made determined efforts to get back into the game but within ten minutes to go Mafatlal struck thrice through Rattan Theppa Bhushan Chandra Gurung (a penalty) and Pran Chatterjee

Tata Sports have recruited four former East Bengal stalwarts in Doraiswamy Sekharan, Premnath Philip, Joseph Machado and C D Francis. They were expected to make it to the quarterfinals and possibly the semifinals. But they paid the price for lack of competition with their new look team but also took the field here against a team that had already got a feel of the ground. A further handicap was that playing the 4-3-3 a formation they were not familiar with and a formation that demands much more switching of positions and creating of space

Yet Tatas can consider themselves somewhat unlucky insofar as Salgaocar who also played the same formation were under greater pressure in the second half. But the Tata forwards Francis, Nunes, C D Francis and Zeno Rodrigues as well as substitute wing half Negi wasted chances. And the unkindest cut of all was when Sekharan who had a very good match sent out a penalty kick

### Missed chances

In the first half too Tatas had missed chances. But the best attempt to get a goal came from Salgaocar when Arnold volleyed with his outstep a centre off Anthony from the left. The ball flew towards the top of the net but Mohandas brought off a spectacular save. But the goalkeeper also could have put off Mariano D Souza had he moved a step or two from his line as the latter came past a confused Tata defence. Mariano seized his chance to drive past Mohandas

Salgaocar had beaten Cochin Port Trust in the first round scoring in the 32nd minute of each half through Socorro who capitalised on a bad backpass of Akbar Ali and through Ignatius

Premier Tyres again proved to be the best of the Kerala outfits. A good blend of seasoned players in Haffar, left back Paulose, Mitharan and Majeed and talented youngsters in stopper Benny, wing back P V Francis and wingers Paulose and J George. They defeated Dempo by three goals to one. They displayed considerable speed in attack. It was this asset that gained them the day though Dempo tried hard to match them through better organisation. Striker

(Contd overleaf)

## The buck shouldn't be passed on

**O**RGANISING secretary of the Federation Cup Kuttisankaran virtually threw the blame on the referee for Border Security Force taking the field against Mafatlal for their first match in the competition here with numbers on the back of their jerseys that were hardly visible

In response to the complaint of a few newspapermen he said it was for the referee to act

Some of these newspapermen had earlier raised the issue with Asian Football Confederation referees instructor Alex Vaz before the kick off

Vaz assured them that he sympathised with their view and shall do whatever he could to have the manager of BSF make his team wear jerseys with numbers that are easily visible to the pressmen and spectators in the stands

He also said that it was too late for him to do anything at that moment but would speak to the team manager before the next match

Vaz however repeated the view of the organising secretary that it is for the referee to make teams wear jerseys with distinct numbers

As far as the referee is concerned he has to only ensure that the numbers are clear to him and are as per those given on the team sheet to him

It is not his responsibility to look to the needs of pressmen or spectators

Vaz is right because the laws of the game only stipulate that the referee

should see that the players do not wear any equipment that is illegal or more importantly dangerous to other players

They do not bind him to checking the visibility or otherwise of numbers

It is pertinent to point out here that even in the National Championship teams do not conform to numbers of laid down specifications with the Railways being the most notable offenders in this respect till the last National at Trichur

But the Railways have never been barred not even from matches played under floodlights

The onus is clearly on the organisers. The numbers on the backs of the jerseys or shirts of the players are not so much for the benefit of the referee as they are for the spectators who pay good money to witness the games and keep the sport and the organisers in business

At tournaments run by the Federation Internationale De Football Association and Continental Confederations it is the organising committees who send the programme which have to be specified the colours of the jerseys or shirts, shorts and stockings and the alternate colours of these items of apparel the names of the players with their numbers which must be ten inches in height on the backs of the jerseys or shirts

The buck is not passed on to the referees

SW Correspondent

## Federation Cup Soccer

Jayaraj converted a pass from George early and again soon after the interval. M. M. Paulose scored. Jayaraj made it 3-0 before Dionisio reduced the margin.

Dempo had shaped promisingly when defeating Bombay's Harwood League champions by 3-0. Camilo Gonsalves got the first hat trick of the competition, feat that Vasco strike Sarto Baptista looked set to achieve when he got two goals in the 2-1 victory over Kerala State Electricity Board. The opening match of the tournament. Vijayan had given the losers the lead.

Winners of the inaugural Federation Cup Indian Telephone Industries disappointed against Titanium Products of Trivandrum, playing a goalless draw and then losing 4-5 on the tie breaker the replay.

However, Titanium also did not fare well against JCT Mills in the next round. Phagwana side muffed chances. JCT redoubled their efforts and were held at bay by goalkeeper Kannappan till ten



*Coaches Basha (left) and Hakim...came to spot potential talent*



*Narendra Gurung of BSF showed much better form to keep the rival defenders constantly on their toes*

minutes from the interval when T. Singh equalised. Narendra Thapa put them ahead before the interval when his shot was diverted away from Kannappan into goal by Basheer Ahmed. Mohinder Singh made it 3-1 before Najmuddin reduced the margin.

National coach Pradeep Kumar Banerjee and technical directors Ghulam Mohammed Hussein Basha and Ahmed Hussain left here for Bangalore where the camp to prepare the Asian Games probables for the President Park Cup that will be held in Seoul in June. They were here, as also are coach Syed Shahid Hakeem and foreign technical director East German Detmar Feifer, to spot players who could be inducted into the list of probables.

Perhaps in the next couple of weeks, Hakeem and Feifer would be able to pick up some who could strengthen India's Asiad bid. But there is no denying that in the first two weeks of the Sixth Federation Cup Football tournament, none could have impressed them as much as Ranjit Thapa who played two outstanding games in the quarterfinal league against Premier Tyres and Border Security Force. You cannot blame them for toying with the idea of tampering with Ranjit's birth certificate. For this 41-year-old who played for the country almost a decade and a half ago by his energy, poise and skill shaded men in their twenties. Mafattal had not exactly been impressive in their cluster victories over State Bank of India, Madras, and Vasco Sports Club, Goa. But having reached the quarter finals, they slowly began to spread their wings and their imposing victory over Premier Tyres and the goalless draw with Border Security Force—they would not have been flattered by a win—make one believe they would make it into the semifinals for the third time in six years.

The star turn in Mafattal's strong bid thus far has been Ranjit Thapa. The ruggedly handsome gorkha was the kingpin on which Mafattal established their midfield supremacy. Though listed as a striker, he was seen just as often in



# Federation Cup Soccer

midfield, opening the way for linkmen Bhushan Chandra Gurung and skipper Keith Swain to go through to the front for attacks

These three wrested the initiative after Premier Tyres had shot into the lead within thirty seconds of the start with a flank to flank breath-taking movement, left winger George banged to the far corner, a fast centre off right winger M M Paulose. Within five minutes, Mafatal drew level through Rattan Thapa, tapping home a centre of Subramaniam from the right. Soon after referee Natarajan negatived what looked a goal when Ranjit Thapa flashed a backpass of Swain but it appeared that linesman Sunil Adhikary had flagged a colleague of Ranjit for offside

The pertinent point was that Mafatal had gradually neutralised Premier Tyres and gained control. Only a defensive lapse let in M M Paulose seize a centre of George and drive home to put Mafatal in arrears again ten minutes from the interval. Ranjit Thapa restored parity within five minutes. He was upended just outside the box but the referee moved it further back before it was brought forward by referee. All this however, did not prevent Ranjit driving the ball past the wall of defenders along the ground to a corner of the goal

Mafatal took no chances in the second half and added two goals within ten minutes through Rattan Thapa and Bhushan Chandra Gurung and Rattan completed the rout midway through this session

The victory raised Mafatal's stock. It was expected to rise further in their next match as old rivals BSF would be playing their first match and as such will

be at a disadvantage against a team that had played four at that venue

Mafatal did enough to justify this optimism. But they had not reckoned with the magnificent defence of their rivals. Veteran Kesho Kirpat Singh, who had coached Punjab to victory at the Cuttack National in 1981 found the pace too hot for him in midfield. The other BSF half, Nobin, also could not check his rivals

But wing backs Surinder Singh and Biren did yeoman service and Harbajan strove his utmost. Still Mafatal should have clinched both points had Pran Chatterjee, who suffered a head injury and had to have three stitches later, did not fail to head a brilliant, fast goal-mouth cross off Ranjit Thapa, who also lost control of the ball a little later when going for a goal.

BSF were hardly a force in attack. But midway through the second half Narendra Gurung, who had been shown

the yellow card in the first, shot along the ground but straight to Sacramento D'Silva a sitter

The security men improved the next day to defeat Premier Tyres by a solitary goal and put the Kerala side out of running. Narendra Gurung showed much better form and launched several fast breakaways. Fellow striker Pradip Kumar fell in with his skipper's ideas. But Premier Tyres managed to recover and scramble away threats to their goal, in which Dasan had a good match

Twenty minutes from the end came BSF's goal, Gurung heading home a centre of substitute Raj Bahadur Singh. They clung to this lead against the none too sustained pressure of their rivals, who had held sway for a while before conceding the goal through the fine play of Jaffer

In the opening match of Group 2 quarter final league, Salgaocar mania-

## Pay to respect AIFF rules!

**A**PPARENTLY, Mafatal Sports Club are paying heavily for respecting the rules and regulations of the All India Football Federation's constitution

Last year they spent a lot of money in sending their emissary to secure the inter state transfer of Vijay Kumar Choudhary, who had impressed for Bihar in the National Championship at Rourkela

The man had to cancel his return flight booking from Calcutta to Bombay because in the form, they had entered the association from which the transfer was sought as Bihar State Football Association instead of Bihar Olympic Association and had to rectify the mistake

And when all necessary formalities were completed with, including the payment of the amount of rupees 250 to the AIFF, and the transfer cleared, Choudhary played for his old club, Bokaro Steel Plant in the Dayanand Bhandarkar Gold Trophy in Goa in May, that is a month after he had been transferred from Bihar to Maharashtra and Mafatal.

The Bombay club naturally were upset and lodged a protest with the AIFF as also to the Western India Football Association.

Both these bodies duly complied with the issue and unofficially pleaded with the club to forgive and forget the transgression.

The club did, believing that it would do them no good to have an unwilling player or to come in the way of a player who prefers to make his living and play in his own state.

Incidentally, Choudhary has joined Mafatal this season and is playing in a position to fill which the club were keen on recruiting the teenager of promise who caught the eye of

Karnataka's right flank in the National Championship at Trichur last January

Their interest evaporated when Mani played for Indian Telephone Industries Juniors in a tournament in South India after the last date for application for an inter state transfer, March 10

Yet Mohammedan Sporting of Calcutta were keen on signing an Mani and now they appear to have succeeded

It is learnt that ITI were not disposed to let go of the youngster and were bent on quoting chapter and verse of Rule 33 in support of their case

Now I understand that some interested people worked to prevail upon the ITI authorities not to stand in the way of the talented youngster making his future in Calcutta

The hitch against Mani's transfer has been removed now but it does not preclude the possibility of a protest by some opponents and that could upset the conduct of the current Federation Cup

By the way, Narendra Gurung, the former international whose inter-state transfer from Punjab to Bengal also bore an asterisk mark signifying some formalities not being completed, fled Border Security Force against Mafatal in their opening match in the Group 'A' quarter final league of the current Federation Cup

It is being rumoured that he had been given a substantial amount by a big club of Calcutta for joining them

Some say he had second thoughts about leaving BSF and offered to return the money but the club officials told him to keep it, perhaps in the hope it would win him over!



JCT's utility man Parminder Singh



## Federation Cup Soccer

ged to put it across JCT mills by a solitary goal scored 18 minutes after the breather. Skipper Bento Andrew shocked his rivals with a 25-yard shot which caught Ravi Kumar standing. Salgaocar were given confidence by the quiet efficiency of Brahmanand in their goal. The former India custodian covered the angles well to deny Kashmira a couple of goals.

Hats off to Border Security Force. The Jullundur side made no bones about having to play two hard matches on successive days to satisfy the organisers of the tournament. They played Mafatlal Sports Club of Bombay in their first outing in Group 1 quarterfinal league on Friday last week. It was a hard, fast paced, energy sapping confrontation between two familiar rivals. BSF escaped, dropping both points by the skin of their teeth.

Normally a team with more than a fair chance of making it to the semifinals would not risk queering up their pitch by undertaking to play another tough match within 24 hours. And Premier Tyres, the only Kerala side to make it to the last eight, proved this to the hilt. They very nearly dragged BSF out of contention along with themselves. Premier had the chances to win the match and it was only a fine move against the run of play that denied them a draw.

Had Premier Tyres won, they would have got two points from two games and the remaining group match against holders Mohun Bagan, not an enviable proposition. That would also have left BSF on one point with only the game

against Mohun Bagan left. Mafatlal meanwhile would have been sitting pretty with three points.

Even now Mafatlal have the edge over BSF, though both have three points and the game against Mohun Bagan, they have the better goal difference. Of course, neither Mafatlal nor BSF will be cowed down by the imposing lineup of the champions from Calcutta. Both have to their credit performances to reassure them that they could put it across the champions.

But the point is BSF could have improved their position by merely asking for the consideration shown to

other teams. They could have asked for a days break at least in between two games so as to be fresher for their match with Premier Tyres. Then they could have won by a bigger margin and ensured their entry into the semifinals.

BSF could also have demanded of the organisers the same treatment as East Bengal vis a vis the dates of matches announced. East Bengal were scheduled to play their first match against Salgaocar Sports Club of Goa on Sunday, April 18. They had reached here by April 15 and could have been made to play on April 17, instead of BSF a second successive day.

But one of the organisers said East Bengal would not play earlier than schedule as they had come prepared for that itinerary. Are we to understand that BSF have not chalked out any schedule of preparation and match—play?

For the record, they were to meet Premier Tyres only three or four days after they had played Mafatlal. Mohammedan Sporting were to play Jagatjit Cotton and Textile Mills on April 14 and Mohun Bagan were to play Premier Tyres on April 15.

Of course, drawn matches in the preliminary rounds caused postponements. But then instead of handicapping BSF, the organisers could have got either East Bengal or Mohammedan Sporting to fill the blank Saturday and got a better crowd than they did. Were the organisers reluctant to ask the Calcutta clubs for fear the latter would summarily reject the request?

SW Correspondent



BSF's Harbhajan Singh



A study of power and determination is Mafatlal's grand old man Ranjit Thapa



M.M. Paulose of Premier Tyres in action

# Mohammedans supreme again



*Mohammedan Sporting stand proud with the Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Trophy. They beat Lucknow's Central Command (1-0) in the replayed final*

**M**OHAMMEDAN Sporting the Calcutta league champions and Central Command Lucknow finished goalless in the final of the Sanjay Gandhi Gold Cup Football and in the replay the next day Majid with a beautiful goal saw the Mohammedans through to win this

prestigious trophy continuously for the second time

Last year they had beaten B N Railway Calcutta by four goals to nil

This year's Mohammedans were not the last year's invincible team because

they depended more on Iranian's Majid and Jamshed and Majid did not disappoint them

Central Command were not in their element. It appeared that the players had a sleepless night the day before. Tension had crippled their fighting abilities. They were getting agitated all the time. They probably had decided to remain content at being the joint winners. So they were more defensive in their approach. The first half ended



*Central Command's custodian Mazumdar leaps for the ball before Nirmal Chatterjee can get to it*

and it appeared their idea was taking shape

But in the 12th minute of the second half the otherwise clean game turned nasty and instead of soccer some kind of martial-art practice was witnessed

Jamshed was fouled rather mildly by Vishnu Khetry which ended in a free for all for five long minutes. Just after this Majid headed in from a Jamshed centre to win the match and the Gold Cup

This year as many as 25 teams took part in the tournament in its second



*Majid (not in pic) scores the only goal in the replayed final that helped Md Sporting to emerge victors*

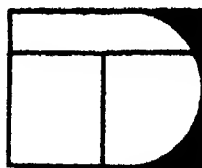
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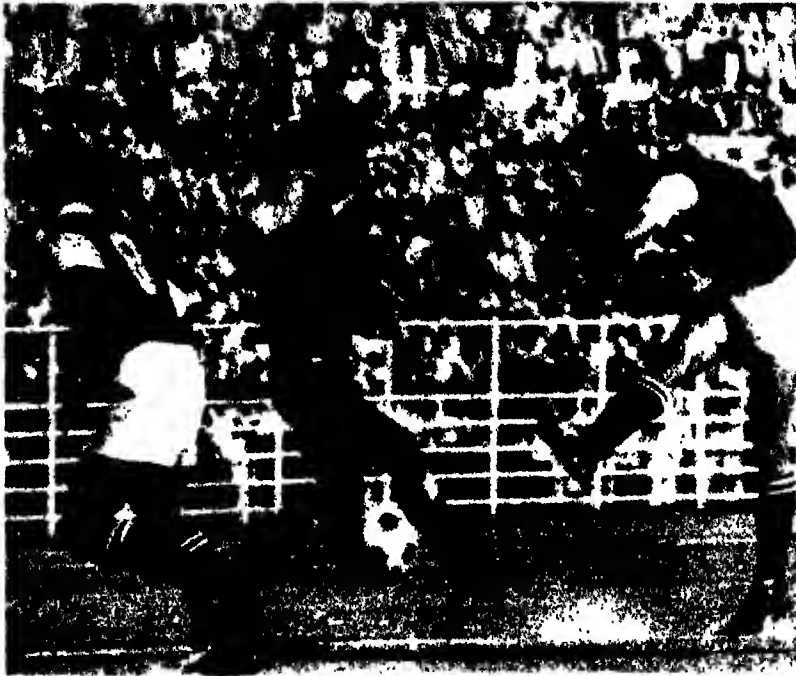
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## Sanjay Gandhi soccer



*Jamshed Nasiri (right) drives powerfully past Central Command's defence while Mani (8) waits expectantly*

year. The initial announcement was of 29 but due to a clash with the Stafford Cup at Bangalore and the Federation Cup at Kozhikode, four glamour teams ultimately failed to turn up. The tournament has now been registered by the AIFF in its Class One category and thus from next year, the participation of the better known teams would be much more.

A total of eight Calcutta first division teams participated this year. The Port Trust, Salkia Friends, Tollygunj Agragami, and George Telegraph failed to impress. So was the case with Railway Football Club and last year's runners up of this tournament B.N. Railway.

These two railway teams made way for a strong Indian Air Force team playing the 4-3-3 pattern and the spirited Chotanagpur Athletic Association, Ranchi. Much was expected from the Air Force team but against Aryans, they surrendered without a fight. The Chotanagpur team with tough tactics proved too fearful for the B.N. Railway.

Bombay sent four teams, Western Railway, Central Railway, Union Bank and Indian Navy. Western fought hard till the third round and others were found busy catching trains after their first matches. Orkay Mills ultimately did not turn up to disappoint all.

The South had only one representation and that was from Bangalore. Seeded straight into the quarter finals the Hindustan Aircraft team failed to impress and made way for Central Command to win by five goals to one.

Manjit Singh's Punjab Electricity Board, Hoshiarpur, had created a sensation last year when they had beaten

East Bengal in the DCM and Mohun Bagan in the Durand. But they too gave an indifferent display to make way to the finalist Central Command team by three goals to none.

Magan Singh's Rajasthan Armed Constibulary, Bikaner, won their first match and then gave a real fright to the champions Mohammedan Sporting in the quarter-finals. They held

Mohammedans by two goals each on the first day and then in the absence of the sick Magan Singh, they surrendered the match 0-3.

Narinder Gurung looked too lonely in Border Security Force, Jullundur. At his peak of individual skill, Gurung made all efforts to beat Aryans in the quarter finals but failed. Aryans were through in a controversial tie-breaker.

Spirited Central Command, defeated a fighting Chotanagpur in the double-leg semifinals by an aggregate of seven goals to six in the sudden death spell of the tie-breaker. In the first leg they were locked 1-0 and in the tie-breaker they were again locked at 4-0. In the sudden death, Command were through 2-1.

Mohammedans had to strain all its nerves to beat Aryans in the semis. Mohammedans were one up in the first leg through a lucky goal by the Iranian Majid due to a misunderstanding between the Aryans stopper Uttam Ghosh and goalkeeper Lakshman Bielel.

In the second leg Majid banged two goals and new recruit from Mafatlal, Bombay, Prem Dorji scored through a controversial penalty award. Aryans too fought on equal terms to reduce the margin by two goals. They lost to them 2-4.

Vishnu Khetri of Central Command scored the highest number of goals including the only hat-trick scored in the whole tournament. This midfielder gave a real good display in the whole tournament. The Asiad selectors should have a look of his talents.

**SAMIR SENGUPTA**



*Running to take charge of the ball are Majid (right) of Md. Sporting and Vishnu of Central Command*

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## Around the country

### Indians swamp West Germany

**T**WO goals each by outside left Fiona Albuquerque and inside left Selma D Silva highlighted the 5-0 victory of the India XI over the West Germans from Frankfurt in the last of the five Test

Womens Hockey series at the Sullivan Police ground recently

The winners who have not lost a Test took a two goal lead before the interval



*The Indian damsels with their coaches make a happy picture after they routed the West Germans in the five-Test Women's Hockey Series*

and completed the rout in the post-break session

For once the large gathering present were delighted to observe the utility of speedy wingers Eliza Nelson, the skipper on the right and Fiona Albuquerque on the left spearheading an effective attack which repeatedly overcame the solid rival defence with superb combined moves with their inners and diagonal passes which tore apart the rival defence

Both Eliza and Fiona combining well with their inners Selma D Silva on the left and Prem Maya on the right took part in the demolishing. The wingers sped down the flanks and with deep diagonal centres repeatedly beat the German defence but an ever alert and competent Claudia Andress under the German bar intercepted many a pass with timely interception

The winners attack was well supported by an intermediary division of Versha Soni, Sudha Chaudari and Omane Kumari. These half-liners initiated most of the moves which enabled the well knit front lines to crackling

VENI MADHAV

### Andhra Bank triumph

**T**HE star studded Andhra Bank from Hyderabad won the inaugural South based Nationalised Banks Cricket Tournament at the K S C A stadium defeating Indian Overseas Bank recently

This is for the first time that a tournament for the south based banks was conducted at three venues i.e. at Hyderabad, Madras and Bangalore

Andhra Bank, the league champions of Hyderabad, which was lead by former Test player M. Narshima Rao and also had as many as ten Ranji Trophy players had an easy time in the finals and after making first use of the wicket after winning the toss scored 180 in 44.3 overs

ARUN DIXIT

### MKP girls win

**T**HE MKP Port Graduate College girls emerged victorious in the hard fought volleyball finals of the inter college meet of the Garhwal University organised by its Constituent College at Pauri played against MPGC, Mussoorie

Only six teams turned up in response to the invitation viz. from Pauri, Srinagar (Garhwal), Kotdwari, Mussoorie and two teams from Dehra Dun's MKP and DAV College

The MKP girls dominated from the very start and clinched the three games at 15-3, 15-7 and 15-11

UMESH GAIKWAD

### Md. Sporting outclass Navy

**T**HE long 20 day fifth All India Sahid Ashis Jabbar Memorial football tournament concluded at the Nehru stadium Durgapur recently. Mohammedan Sporting Bombay's Indian Navy Port Trust of Calcutta, Hyderabad Telephone, Calcutta's Railway Football Club, MPT (Goa), Mecon of Ranchi, Amra Tarun of Durgapur and Durgapur steel plants—these nine teams participated in the league cum knock out basis coveted trophy

Dacca's Mohammedan Sporting, Indian Navy Port Trust and Hyderabad Telephone entered the semifinals securing 5, 5, 6 and 3 points respectively playing three matches each in their respective groups

In the semifinals, Mohammedan Sporting routed Hyderabad Telephone by seven goals to one while Indian Navy outclassed Port Trust by a solitary goal

In the final Md. Sporting trounced Indian Navy by four goals to nil and lifted the coveted trophy for the first time. Md. Sporting led 1-0 at the breather. In the 30th minute of the first half 19 year Mohammedan's striker Abdus Salam Murshadi drew first blood with a powerful half volley shot from a beautiful centre off linkman Joni

In the 10th minute of the second half Md's captain and right winger Badal Roy increased and margin with a grass cutting shot from a spectacular centre off left winger Humayun

Indian navy's defender J. Singh scored a suicidal goal after lemon time. Mohammedan's striker Abdus Salam Murshadi completed the tally just before the final whistle with a banana shot

NANI GOPAL PAL



*New Hind Sporting Club, after their victory over Khar Gymkhana in the Talim Shield Cricket Tournament held in Bombay, recently*



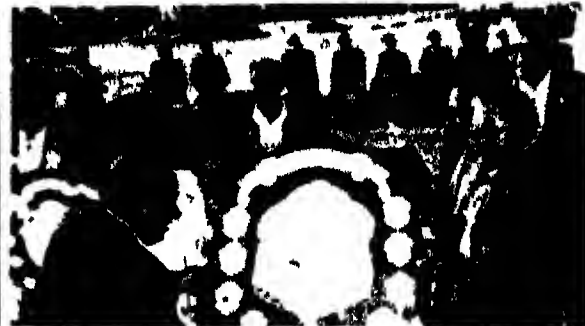
## Around the country



**Industrial Perfumes Sports Club, the winners of the 'D' Division of the Times of India Challenge Shield cricket tournament in Bombay**



**Bharat Dhruv, skipper of Bank of India receiving the Vimal Trophy from Managing Director, Reliance Textiles Ramnikbhai Ambani at the Sardar Patel stadium, Ahmedabad recently. They beat SBI in the final**



**Ravindra Chandra, captain of the Haryana State Electricity Board receiving the victor's shield from S.L. Khurana, Lt Governor, Delhi. They emerged victors in the IX All-India Inter-Electricity Boards cricket tournament at Delhi**

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## Asian athletes at the Olympics

— By Ranjit Bhatia —

**A**SIAN participation in the Olympic Games goes back to 1900 when India's Norman Pritchard made his presence felt in the second games at Paris, finishing second in the 200 metres and the 110 metres hurdles. It proved to be an auspicious beginning for Asian athletics, and helped to spread the word around, so to speak.

Japan were the first to seriously enter the medal winning race and not surprisingly have figured in the first six in various track and field events since 1900 more than 40 times!

In the 1928 Olympics at Amsterdam Mikio Oda showed evidence of Asian interest by winning the triple jump in 15.21 metres. Four years later at Los Angeles Japan had an impressive medal tally with Chuhei Nambu first in the triple jump with 15.72 m, third in the long jump (7.45 m), Nishida 2nd in pole vault (4.25 m) and Oshima 3rd in triple jump (15.12 m). Los Angeles also saw high jumper Toribio earn the Philippines

her first ever Olympic medal in athletics when he finished 3rd with 1.97 m.

Berlin in 1936 brought Japan even greater honours, with Tajima maintaining the Japanese domination in the triple jump, this time with a record of 16 metres, with compatriot Harada 2nd with 15.66 m. Tajima was also 3rd in the long jump with 7.74 m. In the pole vault Nishida and Oe were 2nd and 3rd, both with 4.25 m to their credit. And the marathon provided a remarkable winner in Korean Kitei Son, competing in Japanese colour who clocked 2 hrs 29 mts 19.2 secs with teammate Shintaku Nen 3rd in 2 31 42.2.

The year 1948 marked the revival of the Olympics after a long break on account of World War II, and with it brought Sri Lanka's first ever track medal when Duncan White finished 2nd in the 400m hurdles in 51.8 secs, a time that was not bettered in Indian athletics until last season!

For the next twelve years nothing was heard of Asians in the Olympics but

Rome in 1960 provided a superb competitor not only in India's Milkha Singh, but also in Taiwan's decathlete Yang Chang-kuang who was runner up to Rafer Johnson (USA) with 7830 points. His best tally of 8088 points recorded in 1963, still stands as an Asian best for the decathlon.

Since Rome there have been only two Asians in the medals list, marathoners Kekichi Tauberaya with a bronze in 1964 at Tokyo and Kenji Kimihara who finished second to Ethiopian Mamo Wolde in the 1968 Olympics at Mexico.

Thus the overall Asian scorecard to date reads 18 medals (4 golds, 8 silver and 7 bronze) shared between five member nations, Japan, India, Sri Lanka, Taiwan and Philippines.

The situation has changed drastically since last year and the IX Asian Games will provide many potential Olympic medallists in both track and field events, a thought that makes the prospects at New Delhi very exciting indeed.

## A great tennis devotee

**A** GREAT devotee of tennis who had a craze for coaching and dedicated more than four decades of his 78 years for the development of the game passed away on February 28 at Madras in the death of Dr. S. Rajan, well known in the erstwhile State of Mysore in his earlier days and later in Tamil Nadu both as a player and administrator.

Tennis was the life-breath of Dr. Rajan who started life as pathologist in Mysore after taking his medical degree. After a stint in the Army medical service during the Second World War he migrated to Madras where he grew to be a popular figure in tennis circles. As a contemporary of B. Rachappa, the famous Mysore champion, he had quite a good record in competitive tennis and later played with B.R. Kapanipathy (who perhaps had the longest spell in Mysore tennis as one of the foremost players) as a member of the State team which won the Inter Association South Zone championship for four years running at the start of the series.

From his earliest days Dr. Rajan was devoted more to the fundamentals and

theory than practical application and naturally did not make a great success as a player. But far more important for the game in general, he spread the message of correct stroke making and was respected all round for his thorough technical knowledge. Whenever he came across a beginner Dr. Rajan used to take him up for teaching the rudiments. His insistence on 'bending the knee' as the foremost requisite for developing the game used to be associated with him intensely. Getting books on the game from all over the world and concentrating on carrying out the instructions therein used to take more of his time than his professional work as a pathologist.

Nearer home he groomed his son Dr. S. Srinivasan as a successful player leading Madras to success in the All India Inter-University championship winning the title more than once and then concentrated on the third generation of the latter's sons Vikram Srinivasan and Ajay Srinivasan spending hours daily in coaching them. His life's ambition was achieved when the boys went on a tour of the U.S. and

had quite a good record in the younger age group.

Dr. Rajan's keenness in the development of the game led to his taking office both in the Tamil Nadu Association and the All India Lawn Tennis Association.

He was secretary and treasurer of the state association for long terms and served as treasurer of the All-India Association apart from being chairman of the coaching committee. He was intimately connected with the organisation of several all-India tournaments and Davis Cup matches in Madras over the past three decades. The league championship of the Tamil Nadu Association received a great fillip the donation by Dr. Rajan of the trophy for the competition.

Dr. Rajan was a legendary figure in Tamil Nadu circles always interested in working for more and more tournaments. At the time of his death he was vice-president of the Tamil Nadu Tennis Association with his son Srinivasan as treasurer.

K. S. NARASIMHAN



## The green strip first, all else second!

of the season when the weather conditions had worsened showed that that was not so.

Obviously, the deterioration of the track was due to improper maintenance and as money is not a problem with the RWITC and as the insufficiency of staff is also no sweat the reasons for this neglect (there is no other word to describe it) could be either ignorance or indifference. In the circumstances it is fortunate that there were no accidents nor were horses injured because of the poor going.

In such a situation, it is worth recalling the comment of veteran jockey, Pendu Khade, who is now an official of the Hyderabad Race Club, at the time when Bangalore was growing up from a small summer centre to the most active race club in the country and there was hectic building activity.

Khade remarked that it was important to provide more comfort and better amenities for the racing public but it was more important to ensure that the track was in the best possible condition as all else was secondary. Unfortunately, Indian racing officials tend to have closed minds and are not receptive to suggestion, especially from a jockey even though he happens to be the greatest the country has ever produced.

Regardless of how important is the track there are other aspects of a race club's workings which also should be of the very best. Race clubs conduct a customer-oriented business as their main income is from the commission on the betting.

It is true that each club has a monopoly business in its own area but unless the services which are offered to the public are good there will be a decline in the betting and a consequent reduction in the race club's commission. Yet, the RWITC provided the poorest service ever and this was especially so at the Tote windows.

These windows were generally undermanned and the complaints of indifference by the majority of the staff, especially the newer recruits, were more than could be ascribed to the habitual grouches. In the result much betting was refused and if the undermanning of the windows was due to an economy drive the loss of betting made it clear that it was a false economy.

The inconvenience of the RWITC acceptance and declaration policy affected the attendances and also the tote betting adversely, but, from all accounts, the business in the ring was of a higher order and as the authorities are satisfied with the situation one must presume that the bigger take in the ring compensated for the loss at the tote.

However, the twin purposes of the new regulations are to reduce the volume of illegal pre-race betting and also to minimise the possibility of manipulation of races. Neither purpose has been fully achieved.

It is patent that there were cases of manipulation as has been recognised by the authorities themselves and that a horse with no known form to recommend its chances could open as a short-priced favourite in the ring, as happened on several occasions, is clear evidence that there was much betting on the animal before operation commenced at the racecourse and that it was therefore illegal.

Again, everybody knows that coded betting with registered bookmakers has increased and that a great deal of revenue is being lost to both the government and the club thereby. The club sought to reduce the loss by increasing the minimum credit bet from Rs 100 to Rs 200.

This is not enough, the minimum should be raised to Rs 500. This, of course, will inconvenience the very few who bet credit and do not have a coded arrangement. But inasmuch as they are a microscopic minority compared to the total attendance on a race day why should they not be inconvenienced in a good cause when everybody who attends a race day is put out by the acceptance and declaration policy. Why, indeed!

There is more, very much more, to be said about the Bombay Meeting and as what happened in Bombay is of interest to every racegoer in the country because of the network of offcourse betting facilities it will be said in the weeks to come.

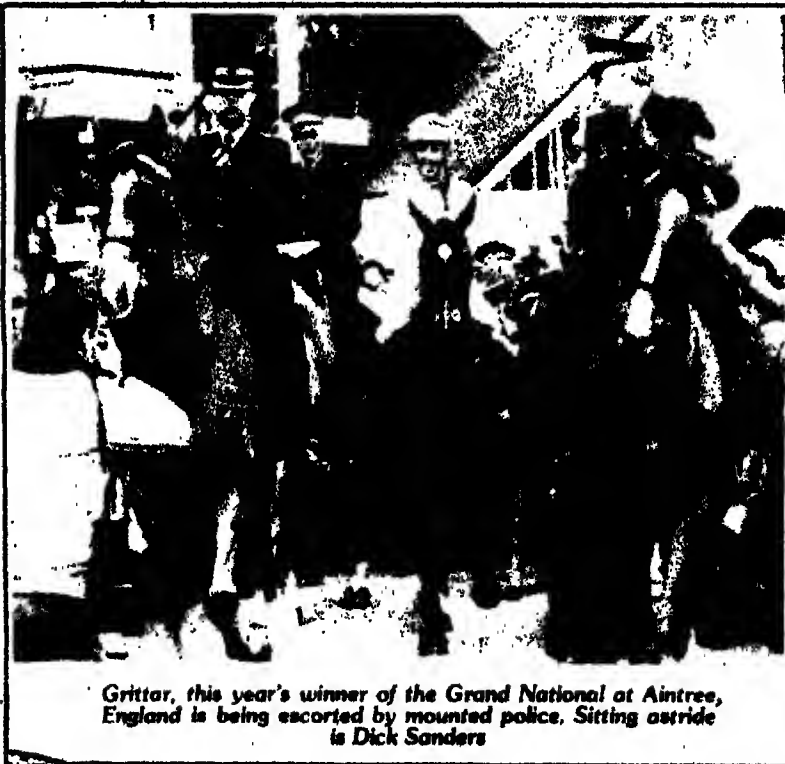
**T**HE entire activity of a race club centres on the race track because that is where the action is and that is where the fortunes of the punters are decided. One would have thought that every race club official was aware of the importance of that strip of green on which the horses run but it would seem that is not the case.

A defect on the track caused two horses to fall on the second day of the Ooty Meeting and it cost punters dearly as one of them was the favourite.

It must be said to the credit of the authorities that the site of the accident was immediately inspected and the fault rectified. How different was the situation in the recently-concluded 35-day, 270-race Bombay Meeting!

The most striking feature of the season, one which hit you in the eye at once, was the rapid deterioration in the state of the race track and though an attempt was made to improve the underfoot conditions by putting up the widest false rails ever at Mahalekshmi that did not help to improved matters much.

Originally an impression was created that the track deteriorated because it was intrinsically unable to withstand the heaviest racing schedule to which it had been subjected, but as it showed a marked improvement towards the end



Grittar, this year's winner of the Grand National at Aintree, England is being escorted by mounted police. Sitting astride is Dick Sanders



**D**ELHI, it seems, is unhappy over the selection of the Indian team for the England tour and would like to hold a re-selection. If a re-selection is held, it will go something like this:

The selection committee will comprise of R. Shrinan, K.R. Wadhwani and Raghunath Rao, all cricket correspondents of Delhi newspapers and selected for the job since they seem to be the only people present at the Delhi Karnataka Ranji Trophy final. Mohinder Amarnath will be called to sit in at the selection committee meeting and dominate it by virtue of his being the Delhi captain.

So far, so good

Shrinan will declare the meeting open with the statement: "Gentlemen, the

selection of the Indian team this year has been far from satisfactory. Most of our Delhi players, known for batting for several days at a time, have been ignored by the selectors. Hence, this meeting of the re-selection committee."

Wadhwani then takes over: "I propose that Chetan Chauhan be selected as



opening batsman in place of the inexperienced Ghulam Parkar."

Rao says: "All those in favour say 'Aye.'"

Shrinan then begins all over again: "Going through the team selected by Polly Umrigar and Sunil Gavaskar, I notice that there is only one wicketkeeper in it. The explanation given is that if a second wicketkeeper is required, he could be flown from

Bombay within 12 hours. Gentlemen, I suspect this to be an attempt to impose a second wicketkeeper from Bombay at a later stage of the tour."

Wadhwani says: "I propose Surinder Khanna be included in the team as a wicketkeeper."

Rao says: "All those in favour say 'Aye.'"

Shrinan then tells Mohinder Amarnath: "As the Delhi captain, allowed to sit in at the meeting, you are supposed to dominate the selection committee. That is the normal practice when the selection committee meets in Bombay and the Bombay captain is invited."

Mohinder says: "Very well, then, I propose the names of Kirti Azad, Gursharan Singh, Rakesh Shukla, Deepak Sharma and Raman Lamba."

Shrinan says: "Whatever the Delhi captain says, we accept. Now then, who will captain the team to England?"

Wadhwani says: "I cannot think of a better man for the job than Delhi's very own Bishen Singh Bedi."

Rao says: "All those in favour say 'Aye.'"

"Do we then announce the team?" asks Mohinder.

"No," says Shrinan, "we send it to Bombay for Wankhede to announce it."



**Q** WHAT is the best batting record of Gavaskar and what is Kapil Dev's best bowling effort?

—Jayesh Natwarlal Lakhani (Madras-3)

**A** GAVASKAR's highest is 221 in the fourth Test against England at the Oval in 1979. Kapil's best bowling performance is seven for 56 off 23.4 overs in Pakistan's second innings in the fifth Test at Madras in 1979-80.

**Q** WHAT was the sequence of Gavaskar's scores in the series with the West Indies in 1971?

—Krishna Kumar Sharma (Berasar, Rajasthan)

**A** SIXTYFIVE and 67 not out in the second Test at Port of Spain, 116

and 67 not out in the third at Georgetown, 1 and 117 not out in the fourth at Bridgetown and 194 and 220 in the fifth at Port of Spain. Gavaskar did not play in the first Test due to injury.

**Q** What is the difference between an amateur and professional player?

—Feroz Chakil Ahmed, (Calcutta).

**A** MONEY A professional is one who makes a livelihood out of sport and accepts payments for his participation and performances. An amateur cannot accept such payments or prize money. He can only be reimbursed for his expenses up to a certain level. All those competing in Olympic disciplines like athletics and hockey must be amateurs.

**Q** WHAT was Kapil Dev's score in the second innings of the historic Oval Test in 1979 when Gavaskar made his career-best 221?

—Ghanshyam, (Faizabad, U.P.).

**A** COMING at the fall of the second wicket at 368, with India needing 72 for a win, Kapil was caught by Gooch off Willey for a "duck".

**Q** WHO has claimed the most number of wickets in a Test series in India?

Shahid Akhtar Hashmi, Salik, Tariq, Sadiq and Tonk. (—)

**A** B.S. CHANDRASEKHAR. He took 35 wickets for 662 runs in five Tests against England in 1972-73, claiming five or more wickets in an innings four times.

**Q** WHAT is Chandrasekhar's record against each country in Tests?

—T.K. Bhaskaran, (Bombay-25).

**A** IN nine Tests against Australia, Chandrasekhar has claimed 38 wickets for 1,067 runs at an average of 28.07, scored seven runs and held three catches. In 23 Tests against England, he has taken 95 wickets for 2,591 runs (ave. 27.27), scored 81 runs and held 10 catches. In eight Tests vs. New Zealand, he has a haul of 36 wickets for 977 runs (ave. 27.13), scored 37 runs and held six catches. In three Tests vs. Pakistan, he has taken eight wickets for 385 runs (48.13), and scored four runs. In 15 Tests against the West Indies, he has claimed 65 wickets for 2,179 runs (33.52), scored 38 runs and held six catches. In all, he has a record of 242 wickets for 7,199 (29.74), 167 runs (4.07) and 25 catches in 58 Tests.

**Q** WHAT is tennis star Vijay Amritraj's ranking in India?

—Devendra Sharma, (Dibrugarh)

**A** VIJAY is not ranked in India as he does not take part in the all-India ranking tournaments.

# CHESS

By R. B. SAPIRE

**T**HE Festival in Rishon-le-Zion (Israel) 1981 attracted more than 500 players (including many title-holders). Surprisingly FIDE Master Vainger came out the winner with 6½/7 ahead of GM Liberzon and IM Murey 6 and many other IM's on 5½.

In this thrilling game the champion boldly faces the tactical complications created by his opponent starting with a piece sacrifice.

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1.d4, Nf6 2.c4, c5 3.d5, e5 4.Nc3, d6 5.e4, Be7 6.g3, O-O 7.Bg2, Ne8 8.Ng2, Nd7 9.OO, a6 10.Ba3, Rb8 11.a3, b5 12.cxb5, axb5 13.b4, Bg5 14.f4, Bh6 15.Kh1, cxb4 16.axb4, Nb6 17.Qd3, Nc4! 18.Ba7, Rb7 19.Nxb5, Bd7! 20.Nec3!?, Qc8 21.fxe5, Bxb5! 22.Nxb5, Rxb5 23.e6!, Nf6! 24.e5! dxe5 25.Rxf6!?, gxf6 26.e7, Re8 27.d6, e4! 28.Bxe4, Nxd6 29.Qxd6, Re5! 30.Bd5, R5xe7 31.Bc5, Qf5 32.g4, Re1ch 33.Bg1, Qf2 34.Rxe1, 35.Bxf7ch, Kg7!; 0/1.

3...e5) Benoni Defence Kasparov-

Torre, Baku, 1980: 1.1.d4, c5 2.d5, d6 3.c4, e5, 4.e4, Be7 5.Nf3, Bg4 6.Nbd2, Na6 7.Be2, Nf6 8.e3, O-O 9.OO, g6 10.Ne1, Bd7.

6.g3) O'Kelly-Toran, London 1973: 6.Qd3, O-O 7.g3, Ne8 8.h4, Nc7 9.e4, Na6 10.Bh3, Nb4 11.Qe2, Bxh3 12.Ndh3, Qd7 13.Kf1, Ne8 14.Kg2, f5.

Ree-Torre, Wilk-an-zee 1981: 6.Nf3, O-O 7.Ba2, Ne8 8.OO, Nd7 9.e3, g6 10.Bh6, Ng7. Popov-Hartston, Skara 1980: 6.Nf3, O-O 7.Bd3, Nbd7 8.h3, e6 9.Qa2, Ne8 10.g4, g8.

11.a3) Natural is 11.a4 stopping Black's Queen side action...b5. Instead, White opts for double-edged Q-side play.

17.Qd3) 17.Nxb5? loses a piece to 17...Nc4.

20.Nec3!?) White gives up a piece to create complications. After 20.Nec3, Qc7 (better than recovering the Pawn 20...Rxb4 which may be good for White after 21.Rb1) Black has an active game for the Pawn with the threat 21.Bg1, (21.f5?, Nd2 wins the exchange) f5.

23...Nf6! Not 23...fxe6? 24.Bhg1

25.Rxf6!?) With this exchange sacrifice White gets two advanced passed Pawns which he hopes, will compensate for his Rook down. 25.g7, Re8 26.d6 fails because of 26...e4! 27.Bxe4, Nxd6 28.Qxd6, Nxe4.

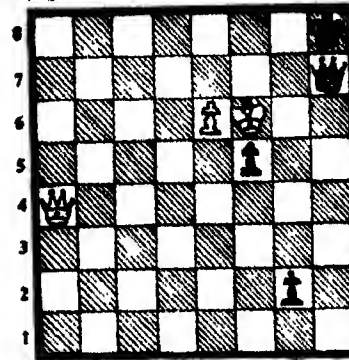
The alternative 25 Bc5, Rxc5 26.bxc5,

Qxc5 reduces material difference (Rook for two pieces); but does not seem promising.

28.Bxe4) Also inadequate are the two interesting alternatives: (i) 28.d7, exd3 29.dxc8Q, Rxc8 30.Bc6, Re5; (ii) 28.Qxc4!?, Qxc4 29.d7, Rxc7 30.d8Q+, Bf6.

31.Bc5) If 31.Qxd6?, Bg7. Black has material and positional advantage now that White's threatening Pawns have disappeared.

35...Kg7! No further checks and if 36.Qg3, Bc3.



White: Kf6, Qd4, Pe6. Black Kh7, Oh7; P's-f5, g2.

White to play and win.

# BRIDGE

By Jimmy Mehta

**S**OMETIMES the expert line of play is doomed whereas the pedestrian line romps happily home.

One such instance cropped up in the match between DSM and Anand Mehta's team during the Nagpur selection trials:-

3 K Q J 10 8 6 4 3  
10 5 4  
A  
N  
S  
A K Q J 9  
2  
A K Q 9 2  
8 5  
W N E S  
(Amrish) (Shard) (R.) (Jimmy  
Parikh) Mhatre) Kejriwal) (Mehta)  
2C  
(Demand  
bid)  
4S  
P 2H 4C  
5C 6H All pass

Opening Lead: DJ

When Mhatre bid '6 Hearts' he was worried about having been preempted out of a grand slam. The sight of dummy put paid to this worry but he now had the worry about the DJ being a singleton

that opening lead of an unsupported knave in an unbid suit looked ominous!

If trumps were tackled immediately, West would rise with his HA and give East a diamond ruff. Mhatre decided that he could avoid the ruff: he could park his two remaining diamonds on dummy's spades and ruff the diamond return high.

When Mhatre started cashing spades, West's 10 appeared on the first round but Mhatre was not deterred. The ten would be a routine false card from a player of Kejriwal's class.

Mhatre continued with a second and third spade and in a flash, his ice-cold contract was smashed to smithereens for this was the full hand:-

3 K Q J 10 8 6 4 3  
10 5 4  
A  
N  
7 6 5 4 2 10 8  
A 7 W E 9 5  
8 7 6 J 3  
10 7 4 K Q J 9 6 3 2  
S  
A K Q J 9  
2  
A K Q 9 2  
8 5

"What bloody nonsense!" was my unspoken reaction as I choked back the angry words that flew to my mouth. It was only later, much later, that I was forced to concede that Mhatre had made

the right play, the percentage play though the play had not been a success.

Kejriwal was the first to come out in Mhatre's defence. "I'd have played the same way" he blurted "And so would you—you result-merchant!" "I wouldn't have thought of it", I sulked.

"Liar" he grinned. "I'll poll a dozen experts and I guarantee you that any worth his salt would have played as Sharad did".

True to his word, Kejriwal did poll the available experts and won his point hands down. Experts, like the rest of us are result-merchants.

When they do give the nod to a losing line, it is a blue moon day and you can bet your life that it is a reluctant nod which sheer bridge logic has compelled.

There are times in this game where a reasoned line fails and a thoughtless one succeeds, where a paleoka makes a monkey out of an expert. Why else should ordinary folk dare to cross swords with the great ones?

They know, that sometime, some where a rabbit can chew up a king. This can only happen in bridge. This is what parts bridge from other games and yields to it that fatal charm.

Curiously, we gained a bushel of I.M.P.'s on this board, where I fully expected to lose seventeen. In the other room Avinash Gokhale and Jaggy Shivdasani, true to Avinash's Nagpur form, landed in "7 NT doubled" on the N S cards and gave a 1400 penalty.

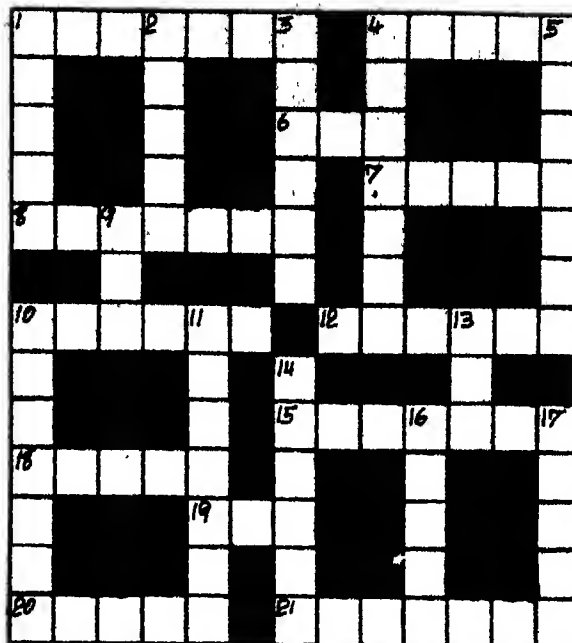


## ACROSS

1. Former English spinner hesitates inbetween (6, 1).
4. The English fight the Aussies for this (5).
6. Top honour in bridge (3).
7. Indian middle distance athlete starts with a rule (5).
8. Australian cricketer starts with a figure (8, 1).
10. Chess piece ends with a French article (6).
12. Test cricket venue in India (6).
15. West Indies cricketer has an animal to start with (1, 6).
18. Winners of Currie Cup cricket ends with a chess champion (5).
19. Indian cricketer Sengupta initially (1, 1, 1).
20. A cricket partnership (5).
21. A this has been the world chess champion more often (7).

## DOWN

1. They sponsor the Grand Prix Tennis tournament (5).
2. Ranji Trophy winners play in this trophy match (5).
3. To listen followed by directions for an English cricketer (6).
4. Baseball is a popular game here (7).
5. Vinoo Mankad was a great this (7).
9. Prasanna initially (1, 1, 1).
10. Tennis great has a conjunction inbetween (7).
11. English cricketer has soil in the end (7).



13. They trounced Sri Lanka in the last Test (3).
14. Former English cricketer starts with a resting place (6).
16. Fencing equipment (5).
17. Bullfighting is a popular sport here (5).

*How much do you know?*



1. What should be the diameter of the cork of a badminton shuttle?
2. During a breast stroke event, at the turn a swimmer is allowed how many strokes while wholly submerged?
3. In billiards, at the moment of striking the cue-ball, must one of the player's feet touch the floor?
4. What action does the referee take when a boxer who is down resumes after a count of eight, but goes down again without being hit?
5. How far are the serving crease lines

from the net line of a ball badminton court?

6. What should be the height of the table tennis net?
7. In tennis, a ball falling on the line is correct or out?

## ANSWERS

1. 1 in. to 1 1/4 ins. 2. One arm stroke and one leg kick. 3. Yes. 4. He continues counting from eight. 5. Three feet away on each side of the net line. 6. 15.25 cms. 7. Correct.

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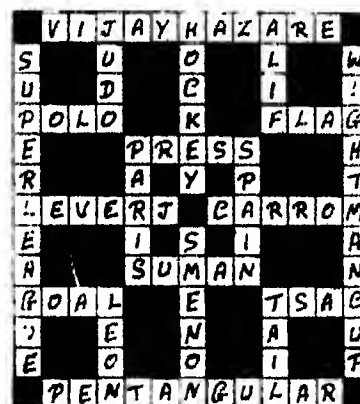
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# MAIL BAG

## When Indians 'sold' honour and cricket!

**T**HE return of Dilip Vengsarkar to India without being permitted to play in Sharjah is a clear pointer as how the Middle East nations hold us in contempt. The action of the official at the Dubai Airport was really high handed and clear disrespect was meant to the Indian cricket team and every thing Indian in general.

The other players should have returned with Vengsarkar by the same flight. No amount of money should stand in the way of the self respect and dignity of the country.

The Vengsarkar episode seemed an insult to the Indian team and actually showed our other cricketers in true light.  
S R Jamkhandi  
(Rajajinagar Bangalore)

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**M**ANY many thanks for exposing India's dirty money minded cricketers. Vengsarkar has proved that he is the only cricketer who has guts, self respect and a money free mind.

All the other players, it appears, were greedy for petro dollars. It now is a proven fact. These hypocrites declare in their interviews that they don't play for money, and they turn their backs on their own principles.

We salute you Dilip. At least we have one cricketer who has team spirit and self respect.

—V B V,  
(Surat)

## Is it cricket?

**S**K Wankhede says that calling for a special general body meeting of the Board of Control by an association to discuss the selection of the team is not cricket.

Is selection of six players from a team which lost in the semi finals cricket?

Earlier the Board decided to send members of the Selection Committee to watch the Ranji Trophy. Later when they found that Bombay lost in the semis they dropped the idea. They say that Suru Nayak, Ghulam Parkar and Randhir Singh have been selected on their performance in the Ranji Trophy. If that is so, how can the finals of this national cricket championship be ignored?

Patil was dropped after playing a few Tests against England recently, yet he was



*Vengsarkar did the right thing*  
included in the team.

All the Board's statements appear contradictory. From all accounts it is not an India XI but a Sunil Polly XI.

—J S Grover,  
(Greater Kailash New Delhi-48)

## God only knows

**I**T is astonishing to find that Bombay who were knocked out of the Ranji tournament in the semi-finals have as many as six players and Delhi, the Ranji Trophy champions have only one player i.e. Madan Lal.

Delhi who have done so well in the last five years in the National championships have been given a step motherly treatment. After three days of fielding on the sun, any team would have collapsed due to the strain and the psychological pressure of scoring 705 runs. Now if the Delhi performance was not good enough, God only knows what else can satisfy the National selectors who did not even see it fit to send even one selector to witness the finals.

Satish Vig  
(Advocate, Supreme Court Delhi)

## Do they know the game?

**H**OW do IS Bhindra, Kamlesh Sharma and P Matilal qualify to criticise the Board's selection of the Indian team when they themselves do not know the game?

Are they greater than the five stalwarts that did their job as best as they could?

—S M Ghosh  
(Hyderabad)

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**I**N their efforts to 'cleanse the Board' the northern trio are themselves playing politics. It is in the right spirit to criticise the team, but completely out of the way to suggest that the selection committee have been biased.

Strange are the ways of our administrators turned politicians. How come they did not bleat when Yograj, who hails from the

North Zone, did not click in the domestic season.

—G Venkatraman,  
(Bahrain)

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**B**Y calling the Indian selection committee biased and championing the cause of three players from the north, the northern trio have embarrassed money.

It would have been understood and their viewpoint could have looked into if they had to suggest names like Srikanth, Arun Lal, Patel, Binny and their likes from other states. The very fact that they have not done so have shown how biased they are themselves.

—Danny Rodrigues,  
(Abu Dhabi)

## Money: Root of...?

**W**HICH of our sportsmen and for that matter sportsmen the world over are not playing for money. Why do the West Indies, Pakistanis and our very own Indians accept lucrative offers to play for English clubs in counties and also in Australia if not for money. The rebels at least have been honest enough and have stood for their rights and liberties.

They are not the dirty dozen. The real dirty ones are those whose shamateurism is so disgustingly apparent. Why is it okay for Botham and his tribe to play for the same kind of money in the Gulf and not in South Africa?

Why do we have to pick and choose with regard to South Africa. If SA is to be taught a lesson for their apartheid policies let there be total ban against that country. Sports, like music is a unifying medium which can bring peoples of different climes, colour and creeds together. Instead we go all out to victimise the sportsmen and conveniently turn a Nelson Mandela to the businessman and the tradesman.

Dennis Compton had the courage of his convictions and has soundly criticised the TCCB for their ban on the English cricketers.

We have had the Australian rebels (Packerites the English ones, the Pakistani counterparts). So why not their Indian cousins?

Who are the Rebels and who are the Holy Jose of cricket, that is the question.

—Christopher Mendonca,  
(Dadar, Bombay 28)

## No Bjorn Borg?

**W**IMBLEDON without Bjorn Borg? Impossible. How could the All England Club come out with such a proposition so as to make a give-time Wimbledon champ go through the qualifying rounds of this prestigious tournament.

Is taking leave from the tennis circuit for five months such a crime so as to make this tennis ace from Sweden look like a fool?

Wimbledon has lost a lot of patronage in the form of fans and gate-money by coming to such a conclusion, and Borg's decision not to play in the Wimbledon this year is absolutely right.

—Mohan Naik,  
(Dadar, Bombay)

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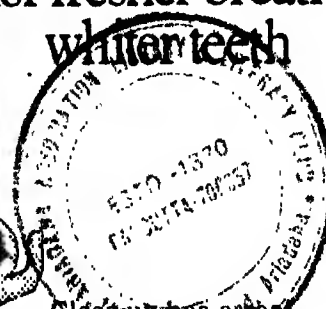


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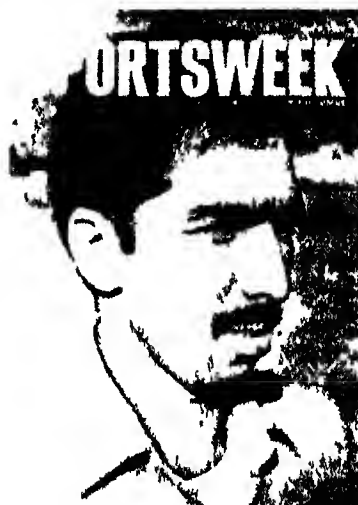
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## Cover

**N**OT many had heard about this promising medium fast bowler once he made his debut for Orissa in the



1977 Ranji Trophy season against Bihar. But in the following two years when Randhir Singh started claiming the wickets of many a renowned cricketer of East Zone playing for Bihar, he had made his presence felt.

In his cricket hugging attire Randhir might just seem to be one of the many bowlers who had to do the ritual of opening the attack for a side. But not so when a batsman of repute is beaten by the lethal outswinger that comes from Randhir's right arm.

Looking at a broader canvas Randhir beholds a bright future. He has the stamina to bowl longer spells, the perseverance to work hard and to top it all is ever fit. In the recent Bangalore camp Randhir after 10 days of hard grinding was the fittest man.

With his inclusion in the Indian team the other two bowlers of his like Kapil Dev and Madan Lal will at least be provided relief during the demanding tour of England.

Transparency A B Nandi

# IHF shake-up is welcome

— By Khalid Ansari —

**T**HE induction by the Indian Hockey Federation of former Olympic captain Sardar Balbir Singh into the management of the national team for this year's New Delhi Asian Games will be welcomed by all right-thinking hockey followers.

The federation has acted wisely in demonstrating a result-oriented approach in sacking former coach Harmik Singh and manager Jhamanlal Sharma following India's disastrous performances in the Bombay World Cup and the Karachi Asia Cup. It has shown a commendable desire to come to grips with reality and to set the national team however belatedly on a path which could yet be paved with gold, although the odds appear formidable.

The insistence by the powers that be on the appointment of only NIS (National Institute of Sports)—trained individuals as coaches of the national team considerably restricts the choice in the matter of appointment. Needless to say, the seemingly inflexible diktat does not necessarily provide for the selection of the best available talent as national coaches. Be that as it may, the criterion does ensure a certain minimum ability and guards against perversity on the part of the national hockey federation.

While commending the appointment of Balbir Singh, who is currently director of sport in Punjab, we are constrained to state that he can be infinitely more useful as national coach.

## Legendary

Balbir's invaluable role as official manager but effective coach, friend, guide and philosopher to Ajitpal Singh's team which won India the gold medal in the 1975 World Cup in Kuala Lumpur is too well-known to bear repetition. His contribution to the team's brains trust in the matter of formulating tactics and chalking out strategies is legendary.

To the extent that the present Indian national side has been totally lacking in thinking, planning, a war council, Balbir can be expected to play an invaluable role, the respect that he commands from all concerned can ensure total devotion and loyalty.

There is talk of appointing former Indian Airlines captain and coach Krishnamoorthy who did duty for India as right half chief national coach. But there is understandable opposition to his appointment. For one thing, he does not possess much stature in the hockey hierarchy. By no stretch of imagination

was he an outstanding player. For another, he hails from a region which today does not have much of a say in hockey affairs.

Balkishan Singh and Hardayal Singh would have been logical choices but both are presently committed. The former as national coach for women and the latter for the juniors. Besides, neither can be expected to change horses mid-stream and take on what will be on the face of it a hazardous assignment, what with the limited time on hand with the prospect of sackcloth and ashes fairly certain.

The Indian Hockey Federation (IHF) which has shown an unusual capacity—as far as Indian sports federations are concerned—for clear thinking and concern for national prestige would do well to appoint Balbir chief national coach and look elsewhere for manager.

a position which is of much less importance under the circumstances, especially since the tournament will be played on Indian soil.

In all fairness, however, the coach and manager must be appointed for a period which will extend to the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games.

Balbir may be initially hesitant to take to the difficult and what could well be a thankless assignment. But knowing him as a worthy son of the country, one who always welcomes a challenge, one can expect him to take on the assignment of putting Indian hockey back on the rails.

The track record of the IHF, given as it is with factionalism, regionalism and parochialism, is notoriously uninspiring. Here's hoping that wisdom will finally prevail.

## THE SPORTING LIFE



EIGHT O'CLOCK MASS...NINE O'CLOCK STARTING TIME.

# Danger still looms for global cricket

—By Henry Blofeld—

THE arrival of Sunil Gavaskar's side in London will bring to an end the phoney war situation which has been existing in England since Geoffrey Boycott took his dirty dozen to South Africa immediately England returned from the Test match in Colombo.

Since then, the Test and County Cricket Board has spoken unequivocally and, I believe, with responsibility and the governments of India and Pakistan have both agreed that their tours of England should go ahead.

The immediate question is, therefore, will Gavaskar's side emulate Ajit

Wadekar's in 1971 and beat England in England. I feel that given good weather, and the indications are that this will be a good summer, that they most certainly can do this for although, I was not in India this last season, it seemed fairly clear to me sitting in Australia that India were the better side.

But I do not intend to go into this question until later in the week for I would like now to discuss the great danger that is still looming internationally for cricket and will probably come to a head again this summer in England.

I use the word 'again' because the

danger comes from South Africa and its prejudiced supporters. There surely can be no one left in the world who is in any doubt that a relationship with South Africa and its detestable apartheid policies will break up the existing shape of cricket.

In the last year, Robin Jackman's involvement there almost caused England's tour of the West Indies to be cancelled halfway through. Boycott and Geoff Cook's involvement came within a whisker of causing the abandonment of England's recent tour of India and finally Boycott's dirty dozen almost saw the final split of the Test playing countries into coloured and non-coloured groups.

## Impossible

The glaring reality of political life today is that it is impossible to maintain Test cricket as it is, at the same time as having serious thoughts about the return of South Africa.

The two are mutually exclusive and so let players and administrators face up to it and get on with it even if some should sneakily wish to play with a country which champions apartheid.

As you can see South Africa has been at the bottom of all the recent troubles. And just recently I believe that they have received their biggest rebuff of all.

For a while by securing Boycott and Gooch's party it looked as if they had pulled off a very considerable coup. They had got good players and the organisers had shown again that every man has his price even in this sensitive area. Flushed by the initial success, the organisers spoke of bringing a full West Indies side to South Africa next year and of playing a limited over competition with England and New Zealand bringing the numbers up to four.

Clive Lloyd, the West Indies captain, was even approached as he confirmed to me a couple of weeks ago when playing in a double wicket tournament in Sharjah in the Arabian Gulf. Having realised finally at Lord's last summer that they had no hope of getting back into the ICC in the foreseeable future, the South African Cricket Association decided to go it alone and to hell with the consequences. Boycott's side was the result of that decision.

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krugerrands for the South Africans to use to try and bribe cricketers to the republic and I have no doubt that they will continue to try and do so

After the initial enthusiasm Boycott's tour was very much less than the success that had been hoped. The public in South Africa did not turn up in the numbers it had been hoped they would. The public showed in staying away that there is no substitute for the real thing which is Test cricket. The same happened when England and Australia played series against Rest of the World sides soon after South Africa was expelled from the ICC.

At the moment those involved in South Africa will be putting their heads

together in order to come up with another formula designed to attract players away from their present allegiances.

Vast offers of money which will now have to be even bigger than before will be at the bottom of it and with so many of the world's best cricketers in England this summer the campaign will be directed here.

Also of course the South Africans already have some forceful protagonists in England. For a start there are the 15 players who have just visited South Africa in addition to those South Africans already playing county cricket.

The game will again be tested by the

lure of South African gold in the coming months and I can only hope and pray that the leading cricketers can find the resolve to resist the temptation.

At least they cannot now say that they did not know what they were doing and that they were breaking no law as Graham Gooch has been repeatedly whingeing since his return to England.

Significantly too the Players Association the cricketers' trade union came down wholeheartedly in favour of the ban imposed by the TCCB. But none of this is going to stop the South Africans from trying again and by next September this may easily have become the leading issue of this English summer.

# CBFS success draws Packer onto the scene

**N**OW that the much talked about Sharjah CBFS Week is over there is inevitably a feeling of anti climax.

But what we have all seen is undoubtedly a beginning. Cricket can only develop and flourish after all that has happened at the Sharjah Cricket Stadium.

Already two highly significant events have occurred which will surely have a profound effect on the future of cricket in the Gulf. The first was the announcement by Abdul Rahman Falaknaz, Chairman of the Dubai Cricket Association, who has himself in his own charming way done so much for cricket in these parts, that Shaikh Mansour has given the association permission to go ahead and build its own stadium.

This decision will mean that the game of cricket is now to become even more firmly established in the Emirates. More overseas players will be asked to come and take part and the game will be that much stronger.

I do not think it is too far fetched to think that one day India and Pakistan may play a Test match in the Gulf.

But sooner than that I think it is highly likely that some sort of world cup competition will be played in the Gulf for the crowds and the conditions will make Dubai and Sharjah worthy homes for such an occasion.

And if someone in Abu Dhabi can be persuaded to take an interest similar to that shown by the Galadari family in Dubai and Abdul Rehman Bukhatir in Sharjah the base for cricket will be broader still.

The other highly significant event in terms of the future has been the arrival of Tony Greig in the Gulf for the second time in the last month. He came first with Younis Ahmed's side which I gather was in more ways than one

some way short of being the most successful ever to visit Dubai.

During that trip Greig made many new contacts and now invited back by the Bukhatir Organisation he came more as Kerry Packer's emissary. His appointment book was brim full and he went from one influential office to another to pave the way for Packer himself.

Tony Greig was one of the initiators of Packer's World Series Cricket and it was he who flew round the world signing up British, West Indian and Pakistani players after England had played Australia in the Centenary Test match in Melbourne in March 1977.

## Conditions

One of the conditions which Greig needed before he signed his own contract with Packer was the guarantee of fulltime employment for the rest of his working life. When he finished playing Packer formed an insurance company, Lion Insurance, with headquarters in North Sydney which Greig now runs.

He is also one of Packer's main Channel Nine commentators and when he was first here suggested that Bukhatir's cricket should be televised by Channel Nine who would fly in their full crew and all their expertise with it.

Now Greig is presumably carrying out exploratory talks to advance the idea of a world cup limited over competition being held here in front of Packer's television cameras which would beam the matches to Australia and England and anywhere else.

Packer himself would not be coming here if he did not think that it was a situation which should make a profit for that, it is understandably the only way he thinks

if the locals here find Greig as

plausible as he has appeared elsewhere in the world. He and Packer will probably have got themselves a deal and of course in terms of an Australian television audience cricket in the Gulf has nothing if not strong novelty value.

My only fear is that Packer likes to move in like a steamroller firm in his unshakeable belief that every man has his price which I believe is a rotten philosophy. Packer has had great success televising major sporting events in Australia and his channel and he has both acquired incredible celebrity.

Unfortunately I am not sure that this has always been to the advantage whatever Tony Greig may say which I am sure will be plenty of the sports he has touched.

Golf and cricket are two which have been helped in some ways and harmed in others. I just hope that no one is going to allow Kerry Packer to start dictating how, what, when and why cricket is played and by whom in the Gulf. Beware!

Let him bring his cameras and their brilliant work which has been one great achievement of his. But at the end of the day I hope very much that cricket here still belongs to those who own it now.

I have seen a great deal of it and I am sure how much fun there is in cricket the Packer way although you may be sure about one thing there will be plenty of money in it. But for whom? That is a point worth considering.

The Gulf can proudly feel that it has become of age in the cricketing sense to have attracted the attention of no less a man than and pray that those who are in control of these things will after a few general handshakes and euphoric keep control of their own cricketing destinies.

# Fitness required for cricket is different

**N**OW I know what an egg feels like when it is being scrambled or fluffed into an omelette. This training camp was the one that made me realise this. It was a short one, almost the same like the previous ones but this year the boys participated very enthusiastically and it was great to see everybody respond and do everything that was asked of them. It was, therefore, very effective and it toned up quite a few of the muscles that were slackening a bit.

Many people question the wisdom of having a camp of just twelve days. But the fitness required for cricket is perhaps entirely different than the fitness required for other sports. And so the 12-day camp was just of the right duration for the cricketers. Perhaps a 15-day or a three-week camp might still work wonders, but I doubt that very much.

This year Captain Dogra was in-charge of the camp and his methods were slightly different than those of Dr. Tandon. Dr. Tandon has been looking after camps of the Indian cricketers on the eve of their departure abroad for



By Sunil Gavaskar

four or five years now. And Captain Dogra came over this year because Dr. Tandon was not available. While Dr. Tandon used to make us sprint a lap,

stop, walk and sprint again, and thus build up our fitness and stamina, Captain Dogra let us run around for a mile and a half and then moved on to sprinting and other exercises.

I don't know which one is more effective one, but today one noticed that cricketers stayed the distance in this camp while in the previous camp, some cricketers did not hold their places and dropped out sometimes. But Captain Dogra, a thorough gentleman like Dr. Tandon, took personal interest in each of the players and coaxed and encouraged them to do everything. And perhaps, the reason why the boys were able to cope up with the vigours was the fact that the season has just ended. And so the boys were in good physical trim and were able to cope up with the strain.

The other camps, when Dr. Tandon was in charge, were invariably in the beginning of the season when the physical fitness of every player was not as much as it was at the end of the season. The fitness level vary from sportsman to sportsman and in cricket also the fitness level varies for different



Fielding practice...the person giving the catches is the sole judge whether the ball is "catchable" or not



*After a tedious session on the field, the team cools off with a refreshing dip Here Sandeep Patil, Yashpal Sharma and Dilip Vengsarkar horse-play in the swimming pool*

categories A bowler perhaps and a quick bowler at that might require just that much more fitness than a spin bowler. A wicketkeeper will require much more fitness than an average fielder and a batsman will require a different kind of fitness altogether. Also their very functions mean use of different muscles. And perhaps at the next camp if this is taken into account and the exercises are devised in such a way so as to give maximum use of these exercises to develop the muscles or the area of the bodies which are in play as I had mentioned according to a bowler, batsman, wicketkeeper, spin and pace bowler, it will greatly help all the players and will greatly enhance their performances because with these exercises they can continue right through their careers and will benefit by it.

This is just a thought and it came to me courtesy P K Banerjee, the coach of the Indian football team for the Asiad. Mr Banerjee appears to be a very dynamic person and during the short time I had the pleasure of meeting him he came out with his theory of how different levels of physical fitness are required and now it will be a good idea to have this kind of situation. He himself has gone through the NIS scheme and therefore knows Dr Tandon and Captain Dogra and so perhaps when a camp is held in future I hope these things are taken into account so that the Indian cricketers could benefit and be able to get a much better performance.

I think more than the performances which are something which cannot be guaranteed there would be just the sheer pleasure of playing without worrying about injuries and therefore the more fit you are one would be able to enjoy the game more and when one enjoys the game I am sure the contribution becomes just that much more. The enjoyment is then conveyed to the spectators. Also perhaps such a

physical fitness camp could be held for 20 probabilities before the start of a season so that the cricketers could trim much faster than otherwise.

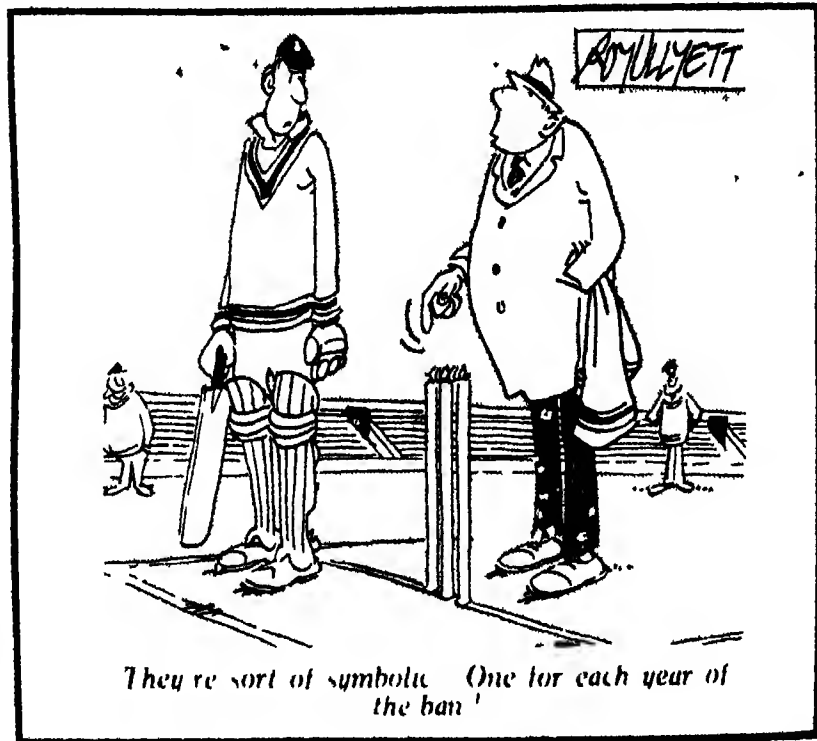
At the end of the camp a lot of Ds have become Is and a lot of Is have become Cs. D standing for those with a slight bulge they became Is where the bulge had disappeared and Is became Cs when their tummies seem to have bent inwards and all will agree that this is really very good because none really has any extra flesh at least before the start of the tour.

To evaluate the performances of the players at the camp is quite a simple task this year. Nobody failed, nobody was also in the pass class. Firstclass

first would be Renshir Singh, followed in the firstclass category by Kapil Dev, Shastri, Ghulam Perkar and Madan Lal. In the second class category would fit the others in various ways. The fact remains that nobody failed and nobody was given the pass class, which was the case when the last camp was held.

Cricketwise there was very little practice because it rained for three days in Bangalore and the wickets were not exactly the best wickets to practice on and though there was not much of a cricket practice, fielding practice was held everyday and everyone got into the spirit of fitness.

The Indian team has got a system



## Sunil Gavaskar...

whereby the players get split into two sides when having fielding practice and then have a competition where the side that dropped ten catches first has to buy the other side either a dinner or take the other side for a movie or some such other thing. Everybody, therefore, gets really serious and fantastic efforts are made to try and reach catches. Some extraordinary catches are taken during these fielding practice.

The person who is giving the catches is the judge, the sole judge, whether the ball is 'catchable' or not. If the ball goes a little above the fielder's finger tips or misses the fielder's fingertips it is for the guy who is giving the fielding practice who has to say whether it was a chance or not. This is something which means that everybody enjoys it and really trying hard and therefore these sessions become very interesting. Fielding is perhaps a part of cricket practice which sometimes becomes boring and this is one way we have been trying to keep boredom out of it. And we have been pretty successful.

There were no serious injuries in the camp excepting when Vishy was hit on the right elbow by a ball from Randhir Singh and he was in great pain. We were very worried and fortunately it proved to be just a very bad hit and nothing was wrong as the X-Rays revealed and Vishy is now fit and raring to go.

I would also request the Board to have some sort of a scheme or a compensation scheme introduced in case of injuries at the camp to prevent a player already selected making the trip because after all a player concerned attends the camp to prepare himself for the tour that is to follow and therefore has in a way already started the tour. I am sure the Board would do that soon because it is a very progressive-looking organisation and they would do this to safeguard the interest of the cricketers.

We now will be leaving shortly, in



*Randhir Singh...evaluating the performances of the team at camp, this new comer would stand first-class first!*



*Sunning themselves after their ritual swim...Randhir Singh and Ravi Shastri*

fact, before you see this in print. We will be away. The tour has been officially cleared and once again on behalf of the rest of the team, may I request all cricket lovers in India for their good wishes for this difficult tour.

Before I end, however, I must say how thrilled the cricketing community in India is and I am sure the sportsmen in India will join me in congratulating Bishan Singh Bedi for having been invited to address the United Nations special committee on apartheid in sports. Bishan has been a champion of all causes and this is a cause where Bishan has been quite vocal.

He has been a marvellous speaker whenever we had been on tours. He has just the right amount of spice, just the

right amount of wit, but at the same time not losing the track of the subject, in fact, the seriousness of the subject at all.

He is amongst the two cricketers who have been very good speakers, Khandu Rangnekar being the other who has been a very entertaining speaker.

I am sure, he will do an excellent job of conveying the Indian sportsmen's apathy towards apartheid. He will convey to the rest of the world how an Indian is not interested in discrimination of any sort. This is a major achievement, a major honour for the cricketers and sportsmen of this country. Bishan, we hope you will do a great job at the U.N just as you had done a great job for the country on the cricket field.



*Sunil Gavaskar... would like the good wishes of cricket lovers for this difficult tour...right to the centre of the field*

## Season's first day—sunshine!

IAN HODGSON bowled his way into cricket's folklore by taking the first eight wickets of the season and then described it as a complete fluke.

Cambridge undergraduate Hodgson, 22, in only his 10th firstclass match took the Glamorgan wickets for 68 runs with a marathon 32 over spell of controlled seam bowling.

His refreshing modesty was as welcome as the Fenner's sun.

Yes, sun! Last season in Cambridge's opener against Essex the players were forced off by the cold.

And snow has stopped early season play for the University in past years.

1982's first hero, however, was Glamorgan's veteran opener Alan Jones, 43, who scored his 52nd firstclass century in 192 minutes hitting 124s.

But then third year Downing College law student Hodgson took centre stage if a little reluctantly.

The South African born six footer kept plugging away looking for a ninth and tenth success, a catch was dropped after his eighth until Sharon Duggart captured Geoff Holmes's wicket and the country declared.

Hodgson, who plays a Minor Counties cricket for Buckinghamshire, said: 'I enjoy cricket and the amateur atmosphere. But if this goes on perhaps I shall think again about playing full time.'

But personally I think it's a complete fluke.

The previous best for his right arm

### BUTCHER'S CHANCE

SURREY's Alan Butcher and Northants skipper Geoff Cook have been given first chance to take over as England Test openers from Graham Gooch and Geoff Boycott suspended after the rebel tour of South Africa.

The left hand/right hand combination will open MCC's batting against Notts, the champion county in the traditional Lord's curtain raiser later this week.

Keith Fletcher, who may have some ground to make up after England's defeat in India, will lead the side and Middlesex all rounder Phil Edmonds



medium fast bowling was four for 77 against Sussex last season.

This fine display was all the more remarkable because he had been suffering from flu all week.

'I felt like playing,' he said, 'but not like bowling. It was tremendous to take the wickets but now I'm just shattered.'

On the field his immediate thoughts were elsewhere when his eighth wicket out of representative cricket since 1979 is also playing.

With the Lord's pitch likely to have more pace in it than is usual in springtime following the lengthy dry spell, Butcher and Cook will be facing a stiffer examination against Notts than if they keep their places for the first Test against India also at Lord's on June 10.

New Zealander Richard Hadlee, rated by Mike Brearley as the world's best new ball bowler, is at least as quick as Kapil Dev while Clive Rice, if fit, or Mike Hendrick, otherwise, is in a different class from Madan Lal, Kapil's opening partner.

But though both have played only once for England, Butcher three years ago, Cook against Sri Lanka, they share a reputation for courage against fast bowling. Cook has the extra incentive of being looked on as an outsider for the England captaincy in Australia if Peter May decides Fletcher doesn't fill the bill.

JOHN THICKNESSE

tell. He admitted to saying: 'It's going to be an expensive night!'

It was all so different from 1981 when the University's headline grabber was Peter Mills who was dismissed by the season's first delivery from Essex John Lever.

He fared little better this time recording a duck in the University's 16 for 2 reply to Glamorgan's 281 for 6 declared.

### A brush off

YORKSHIRE cricket club will lose about £300,000 by the withdrawal of sponsorship by a paint manufacturing company whose product it will not advertise in this exclusive space.

The official reason offered is the recession and I will go along with that. All I would like to know is whose recession theirs or Yorkshire's?

Illingworth, Boycott, Old friends of mine all for many years. I hope—pull your joint fingers out.

The future of Yorkshire is in your hands. Have the decency and dedication to treat it properly.

I do not demand that you win a trophy, but I do expect you to work towards a foundation that will surely put Yorkshire in their proper position—winning everything.

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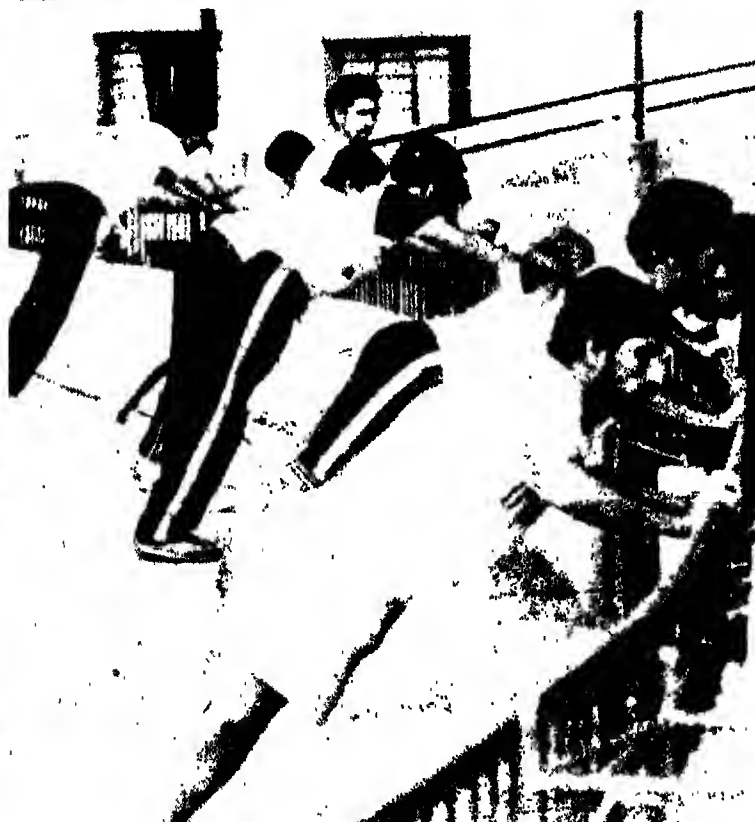
## Indian team at camp



*It's just the beginning of a day's training session...the Indian cricketers put through the jogging course at Bangalore*



*Something seems to bother Kapil although he does not have to bowl to Boycott or Gooch this English summer*



*Pushing their woe through the daily exercises*



The privileged inmates of the conditioning camp are Sunny and Co.



A little bit of hip-bend and the flexibility goes up...is the name of the game here for the Blighty-bound cricketers



...and after a day's work is done, it's time to cool off at the pool for Vengsarkar, Viswanath, Yashpal and Pranob Roy

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# Politics and principles never mix

**T**HE Board members in the north are a disgruntled lot. They have always been. For years together they tolerated the malfunctioning of the DDCA and when the shoe began to pinch they made sure the DDCA doesn't function smoothly. There were others including a couple of professional scribes who though not concerned with the whole affair actively supported the movement. And now the very lot have decided to create an unhealthy atmosphere in the Board which thus far one must accept has a sound record as compared to the associations which control other games in this country.

It was the height of the pettifogginess which earlier had forced the Delhi players to fight against the establishment. They were seen more often near the law courts than near Kotla. Nobody including a captain was certain of his place in the side. Captains and managers weren't sure of their functions. It was nothing but a total mess finally in which the government had to intervene to clear up the matter. But the spirit was lost. In the bargain cricket in the capital suffered. Just a couple of weeks ago the capital witnessed something similar.

It all started on All Fools Day when the Indian team to tour England was selected. Like every other selection in the past there were a couple of surprise inclusions in the team but was it such a serious offence on the part of the selectors that they should have been condemned publicly by those who were responsible for selecting them? Doesn't it sound ridiculous? Did the selectors overlook a replica of Viv Richards or of Dennis Lillee? Of course not! Their fault was that they couldn't accommodate certain boys from the north especially Mohinder Amarnath!

## Facts and figures

Politics and principles never go together but at least the sound educational background of some of these officials should have taken care of that logic. It was obvious that premises were missing for drawing inference when the trio from north in a well organized press conference did their best to substantiate their arguments by providing facts and figures. If facts and figures were the only criterion for getting a player in the Indian team there wasn't any necessity to have experienced cricketers like Umrigar, Phadkar, Sarwate and Ghulam Ahmed in the selection committee. A group of statisticians would have sufficed. Officials from the west could have organized a press conference every time a national team was picked if statistics had been the sole criterion.

Yet never did they resort to such methods.

Didn't they feel hurt when Goel was preferred to Shivalkar after Bedi was dropped on disciplinary grounds against West Indies in the Bangalore Test? Didn't they swallow injustice done to Ashok Mankad who in the Irani Trophy match in 1967 scored 67 and 97 and yet wasn't picked for the Australia New Zealand tour? Did they issue any statement for including Sudhakar Rao instead of Ashok Mankad on India's tour to New Zealand and West Indies in 1975-76? And for the same tour when Madan Lal and Mohinder Amarnath were preferred to Ghavri did anyone from the west ever criticise the selectors?

In fact Ghavri was so frustrated that instead of assisting Bombay in the knockout rounds of the Ranji Trophy he went to stay with his in-laws in Sri Lanka. Later on he fought back to regain his place in the Indian team and performed marvellously by finishing with over 100 wickets and over 800 runs in Test cricket.

## Discovered

Compared to Ghavri's consistent performance Amarnath has no such performance except for the fact that he did reasonably well on the Australian tour in 1977. In fact at the end of the Australian tour in 1978 Indians were happy that they had discovered a partner for Gavaskar in Chauhan and a one down batsman in Mohinder Amarnath. But immediately after the Australian tour when India went to Pakistan skipper Bedi in order to accommodate Surinder Amarnath in the side asked Mohinder to bat at no 6. This move certainly affected Mohinder's confidence and he found it difficult to regain it.

Later on he was involved in the DDCA controversy and lost a full season. By this time the competition in the middle order of the Indian team had increased with Patil, Sharma and Malhotra showing good promise. All these factors went against Mohinder whose career suffered at the hands of people from his own zone. Isn't it an irony that the same people are now advocating the inclusion of Mohinder in the Indian team? Perhaps they are carried away by his knock in the Ranji finals. One wishes Ashok Mankad had been born in the north. They would have had to call more press conferences.

In spite of all this the selectors recalled Mohinder for the last Test against Hughes. Australians thought he was a miserable failure on the English tour

and hadn't done anything extraordinary on returning to warrant a place in the Indian team. The selectors had left it to skipper Gavaskar to choose anyone between Sandeep Patil who was in top form and Mohinder for that Test. In a majority of such cases a captain would have preferred a player from his state team especially on the home ground but in this case Gavaskar contrary to everyone's expectations included Amarnath who was unfortunate to run into one of the best spells of Rodney Hogg.

Sometime later in the course of a discussion when Gavaskar was asked the reason for preferring Amarnath to inform Patil he said, 'You can't throw talented people out the moment they fail. Sandeep shall get his chances but at the moment I want Jimmy (Amarnath) to regain his confidence.'

## Convinced

This remark of Gavaskar is enough for those who have been critical of him for promoting players from his zone. If he had been he wouldn't have gone out of his way to take Yograj Singh of Haryana on tour. Yograj neither had good consistent performances nor did he belong to West Zone. Gavaskar and the selectors were convinced that Yograj had potential and like every country does they decided to gamble. Unfortunately it did not come off. Gavaskar could have easily taken young Ravi Shastri instead of Yograj Singh. In fact he invited a lot of criticism for not getting Shastri in. Can anyone point out such examples wherein a captain has promoted chances of players from the zones other than his? I doubt.

And may we know the credentials of the disgruntled lot who have doubted the integrity of the national selectors and Gavaskar? A high post in the Central Government doesn't empower them to question the integrity of those who have done enough for the country in the international field. Their performances speak volumes for their integrity. This certainly can't be said of the officials many of whom have acquired high posts in the Board through successful political manoeuvring and not because of any good cricketing background. However to their credit they maintained harmony in the Board till the members from the north indulged in petty politics.

Such petty politics have ruined great games like hockey and football in this country and if the Board doesn't realise the gravity of the situation cricket too would be joining the other politically-stricken games. It will be a pity if it does.

**MAKARAND WAINGANKAR**

## Cornhill talk over £4m deal

PAT GIBSON

**C**ORNHILL, the insurance company that rescued England from the threat of Kerry Packer, is ready to continue its support of Test cricket.

It will cost them at least £4 million for a new five-year contract compared with their original investment of £1 million in 1977.

But the sponsorship has been of such mutual benefit to Cornhill and the Test and County Cricket Board that I expect a successful outcome to the hard bargaining that began last week.

Talks should have started weeks ago, but had to be delayed because of the rebel tour to South Africa, which threatened the whole future of the game.

Now Cornhill chairman Cecil Burrows says: "We hope to continue our association and I hope the board will show us some loyalty. But, at the end of the day, money will be the deciding factor."

"If, for instance, we were willing to go to £3 million and another sponsor were to offer £250,000 above that I would say it would be wrong if the TCCB accepted it."

"But if another sponsor came along and offered £5 million, who could blame them for accepting it?"

As the negotiations continue, other interested parties wait in the wings.

## Cricket crackers

It promises to be a rum old summer.

Borg is boycotting Wimbledon, we have a World Soccer Cup that I am seriously beginning to doubt will ever get off the ground and finally there is a politically acceptable Test team doing business on behalf of you and me.

But the cricketers of England have succeeded most in confusing me, and I cannot see the situation easing in the foreseeable future.

It baffles me how a group of men can, on one hand, uphold the freedom of the individual to earn his money where and how he likes, and then immediately support a motion that effectively denied that right to a group of colleagues who did just that in South Africa recently.

Yet that is only the tip of the iceberg. As things stand, the men most likely to play for England in the probable absence of Geoff Boycott and Graham Gooch is Allan Lamb, a South African and a good bloke, neither of which necessarily go together.

He also happens to be a first class batsman who could not help being born where he was.

But I find it completely illogical that a

South African can play for England, and also freely earn money playing county cricket over here.

Yet an Englishman who earns money playing in South Africa is discriminated against and banned from representing his country, not only by his peers but by his fellows.

I also think it to be hypocritical and without wishing ill to Lamb, it would tickle me pink if Boycott and Gooch both scored three or four centuries before the first Test side is picked.

ALAN THOMPSON

## Rotary cricket

**R**OTARY Club of Bombay Mid-Town won the Thums Up Trophy defeating Rotary Club of Bombay Central by 100 runs in their annual match at the Wankhede Stadium on Sunday.

Put in to bat first, Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town scored 196 in the allotted 25 overs for the loss of three wickets. In reply, Rotary Club of Bombay Central were bundled out for 96 in only 14 overs.

Brief scores: Rotary Club of Mid-Town



The Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town team (from l): Sudhir Patkar, Harshad Vora, Arun Mehta, Shirish Sheth, Pratul Sheth, Khalid Ansari, Mohan Anand, Virenchee Sagar (captain), Gopal Motwane, S.K. Wankhede, Raj Singh Dungarpur, Sunil Gavaskar, Dilip Pirmal, Bhaskar Khira, Madhav Gandhi and Gautam Thakkar

196 for 3 (Khalid Ansari 42 retd; Bhaskar Khira 41 retd, Sudhir Patkar 40 retd, and Madhav Gandhi 24) beat Rotary Club of Bombay Central 96 (Ram Gandhi 38, Gopal Motwane 3 for 24, Gautam Thakkar 2 for 20, Sudhir Patkar 2 for 22)

The man of the match Sudhir Patkar. Best batsman Ram Gandhi. Best bowler Gopal Motwane. Best fielder Khalid Ansari.

## Champions Trophy

**D**FFENDING champion Pakistan will meet West Germany in the opening match of the hockey tournament for the Champions Trophy beginning in Amsterdam on June 6.

According to information available, India will play against the USSR on the opening day. The other matches for India are vs West Germany on June 7, vs Netherlands on June 10, vs Pakistan on June 12 and vs Australia on June 13.

June 6: 1800 hours—Pakistan vs West Germany 2000 hours—Netherlands vs Australia 2200 hours—India vs USSR

June 7: 2130 hours—Pakistan vs USSR 2330 hours—West Germany vs India.

June 8: Rest day

June 9: 2130 hours—Netherlands vs West Germany 2330 hours—Pakistan vs Australia

June 10: 2130 hours—India vs Netherlands 2330 hours—USSR vs Australia

June 11: Rest day

June 12: 1600 hours—West Germany vs Australia 1800 hours—Pakistan vs India 2000 hours—Netherlands vs USSR

June 13: 1600 hours—Australia vs India 1800 hours—USSR vs West Germany 2000 hours—Netherlands vs Pakistan 2130 hours—Prize distribution

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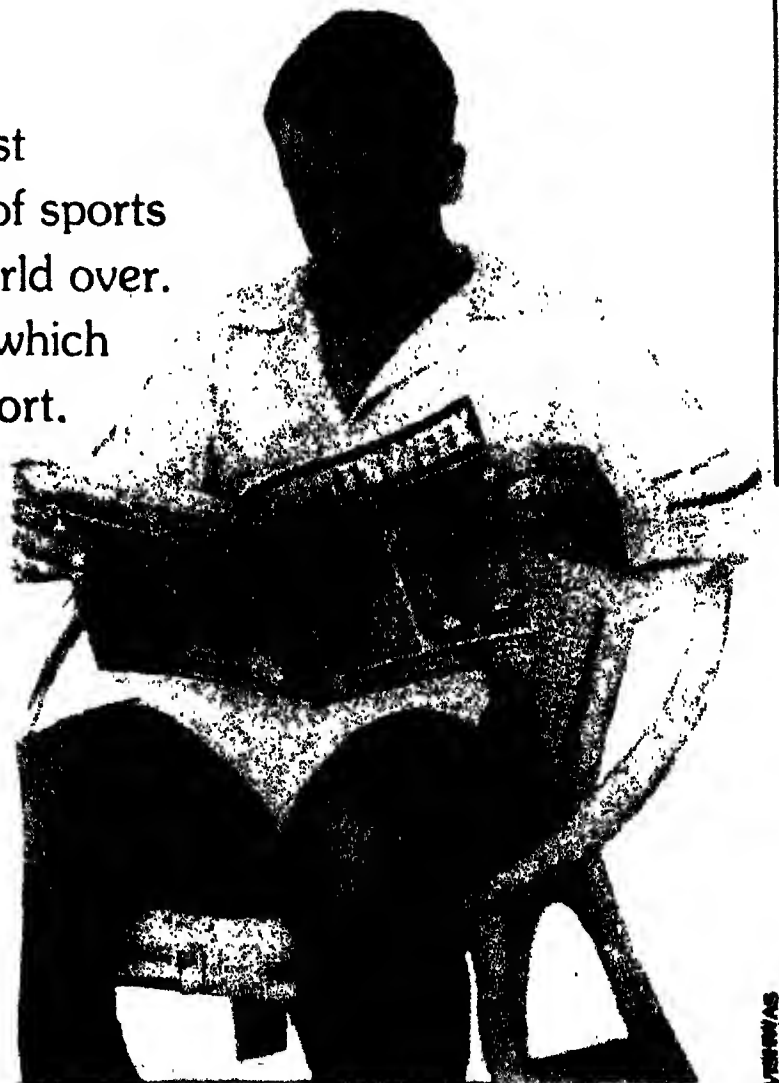
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# Cash—root cause of Board bickering

**I**T is not my intention to add to the controversies surrounding the composition of the Indian cricket team on the eve of its departure to England.

Nevertheless, the question needs to be asked whether it is necessary to pay the manager and the second official Rs. 30,000 each for the tour.

There can be no quarrel with the decision to pay the two worthies £ 18 each per day for the 70-odd days of the tour plus appropriate entertainment expenses.

Like the players they need the amount to meet their food and other bills.

However, paying them Rs. 30,000 each on a par with the players is a different matter altogether.

The players are professionals and deserve the income.

The manager and his second in command, on the other hand, are officials, who are and must work in a purely honorary capacity.

The two have been chosen not for their playing ability but for their capacity to look after the players and the interests of the Board and Indian cricket.

No doubt they carry a tremendous responsibility. Yet, it hardly justifies payment of a substantial amount on a par with the players.

I wonder whether officials accompanying teams from England, Australia or Pakistan are paid likewise but I very much doubt it.

Even if they are, there is no need for us to follow suit.

To be frank, it is the payment to the officials that is the root cause of all the lobbying and bickering in the Board.

Almost every representative of the affiliated units looks upon a tour as an opportunity to not only have a free trip abroad but also to enrich himself in the process.

Thus we have cliques and cabals. Some believe it is their "turn" to accompany the team. Others who fear that they may not gain the verdict are most vocal in the criticism of the Board's functioning. This seemingly militant tribe is actually hoping it will be appeased through the grant of an official's post.

How bitter is the struggle may be gauged from the fact that the second official for the forthcoming trip scampered home by a single vote.

Even more significant, the Saurashtra official who lost the battle, wasted no time in echoing the Northern trio's demand for a special general meeting to discuss the team selection.

have joined the opposition had he been elected as second official.

So, there you are

Money, is at the root of all evil, they say, and a sure way to avert any threat of a Board split is to stop lumpsum payments to officials.

It may be noted that the honourable Board members have seldom been agitated about wickets or over-rates or any other matter solely pertaining to cricket.

Their enthusiasm for an official's post will be greatly diminished should there be no monetary benefits attached to it.

Indeed, it is high time we abolished the second official's post altogether. In the old days when visiting team's got only a percentage of the gates, he had to stay back after a match and collect the cash. With match fees guaranteed today, he is a supernumerary.

For that matter, there is no reason why the Board should pay Rs. 5,000 plus to the manager of a Test team at home.

Or why we should have a different manager for each Test during a domestic series.

This piece should not be construed as a reflection of Rajsingh and Nagaraj. They are capable men with a proven record.

However, they and the Board thank their stars. Only recently we had as manager a person whose knowledge of the game could be written on a postage stamp.

Especially as he becomes a member of the tour selection committee, a manager ought to have considerable knowledge and experience of the game. And the self-seekers can be kept out of contention only when there is no money in the post.

It is not a question of whether the Board can afford the money. Rather, it is a matter of establishing the principle that an official should always work in an honorary capacity.

Because it is the richest sports body in the

country, the Board has a tendency to be extravagant. The officials, too, pursue a policy of "live and let live". Much of the wasteful expenditure can be utilised for the good of the game.

Those who are eager to "cleanse" the Board will do well to pay attention to this aspect rather than raise a hue and cry over the inclusion of one player and the omission of another.

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**W**HILE providing his version of the Vengsarkar episode, Sunil Gavaskar has defended everyone except the poor guy who was booted out.

On the one hand he hides himself under the cover that he was not there. On the other he virtually indicts Vengsarkar for what happened at the Dubai airport.

In the process, he has provided a new definition of team spirit. It needs to be displayed, according to him, only if the players go officially as a team, not when they travel together as individuals. It matters little whether the men have known each other for long and played 40 or 50 Tests together.

Money was not the sole object of the trip, says Gavaskar. What else was it? Promotion of the game? Cementing of relations with the Middle-East? Or had the players gone to admire the scenic splendour of miles and miles of desert?

To cap it all is the insinuation that the author of an article on the Vengsarkar episode was also writing for money.

Maybe he was paid for his labours or maybe he wrote it as part of his professional duties. Does it in any way justify what happened at Sharjah?

The way Gavaskar has put it, it would appear as though the poor writer tried to play Test cricket!

Those who remain writers or professional journalists do so only because money is not everything for them. If a fortune can be made through writing Gavaskar is welcome to it.

## SPORTING SAM . . . . . by Reg Wootton





## Ghaus Mohammed

—R.I.P

**G**HAUS MOHAMMED KHAN the national tennis champion of the thirties died in Hyderabad at a cancer hospital after a prolonged illness on April 22. He was 70.

Before the advent of Ramnathan Krishnan and Vijay Amritraj the best known name in Indian tennis was that of Ghaus Mohammed. Actually India owes much to Ghaus for putting it among the tennis elite of the world.

It was Ghaus who made the breakthrough for India when he became the first Indian to reach the quarter finals of the Wimbledon in 1939. This was a creditable feat because tennis communications and contacts at international level in his days were few and far between, being conditioned by the absence of quick travel. How different are the conditions in this jet age and how much more effective a player of Ghaus's calibre, talent and temperament would have flourished in this age.

Born on November 2, 1915, Ghaus

hailed from Lucknow. He had the benefit of having a tennis court in his backyard. But it was football which attracted him at school in Aligarh. Three years later he became the champion of the Aligarh Muslim University in tennis.

His debut in Wimbledon was in 1938. But it was in the next year that he worked his way into the quarter finals for a meeting with Bobby Riggs, who later became famous for his gimmick matches against Margaret Court and Billie Jean King. Before Wimbledon that year Ghaus had performed creditably in the Queens Club tennis. Then came World War II which did not give him many opportunities.

Bechus game was based largely on powerful serve and a strong backhand. He considered his match with New Zealander Stead in 1935 as the best. Ghaus played his last Davis match in 1947.

Cancer of the tongue afflicted him since April 1981. Though he would not like to spread his hand for any financial assistance for his treatment, he was given help by the Prime Minister from the National Relief Fund. The Ardhra Pradesh Sports Council also helped him. Ghaus was a recipient of Padma Shree.

Ghaus heralded the golden dawn of Indian tennis and had lived to see it gaining greater credence over the years. R.I.P.

## Close of play for Sandham



**A**NDY SANDHAM the former England and Surrey opening batsman, who shared 66 century stands with Jack Hobbs, has died at the age of 91.

He joined Surrey in 1911 and played for them for 26 years. Then he was their coach from 1946 until 1958 and scorer for 12 seasons after that.

With Hobbs's legendary England partner Herbert Sutcliffe around at the same time, Sandham played only 14 times for England and only three times at home.

But he was the first batsman to score a triple century in a Test, 325 against West Indies at Kingston in 1930, and he was the 11th highest runmaker in cricket history with an aggregate of 41,284.

Peter May, one of the great batsmen he coached, said: "He helped me tremendously throughout my career."

PAT GIBSON

## McEnroe wins marathon

**W**ORLD No. 1 John McEnroe saved four match points before beating fellow American Bill Scanlon in Damas last week in the longest match in the 12 year history of the world championship tennis finals, quarter hours.

The Wimbledon champion won the first round match, lasting almost four and three quarter hours, 5-7, 6-4, 2-6, 7-6, 6-4. It included a marathon 18 point tie breaker.

Scanlon, seeded eighth in the tournament and ranked only 41st in world tennis, won the first set with a disputed ace but lost the second with two consecutive double faults.

A major upset was on the cards when top seeded McEnroe limping on a sore left ankle that kept him out of action for almost a month, lost the third set 6-2 and the fourth went to a tie breaker.

Scanlon jumped to advantages of 3-0, 5-3 and 8-7 but McEnroe won three straight points to take the set.

McEnroe finally won the stamina battle with a 6-4 final set after breaking service in the first game.

## Nastase's 'kill you' threat to umpire

**T**ENNIS bad boy Ilie Nastase was last week blacklisted by a Wimbledon umpire.

Jeremy Shales, 39, refused to handle any more matches involving the temperamental Rumanian after being threatened during the State Express Classic at Bournemouth.

Nastase, playing with former Wimbledon doubles champion Fred Stolle, in an over 3½ event told Shales: "Come down off your chair and I will kill you with a ball in the mouth."

Nastase was also involved in a shoving match against opponent Manuel Santana.

Nastase and Stolle beat Santana and Australian Owen Davidson 6-4, 6-3 in a match that boiled over when Nastase started laughing at Davidson's efforts.

Umpire Shales, who was in charge of

Nastase's notorious match with Bjorn Borg at Wimbledon in 1977, said: "This time he just went too far. He called me four letter words several times, and although he was swearing in Spanish for Santana's benefit it was more than I could handle."

"I will never again take charge of a match in which he is involved."

The crowd was upset at his behaviour so was I.

## Holding cancels contract

**M**ICHAEL HOLDING the West Indies test bowler, has cancelled his contract as professional with Lancashire League club Rishton because of recurrence of knee trouble.

# TEST DEBUT

**T**HE Lord's Test was the fulfilment of the cherished desire of every cricketer I was making my Test debut after a long wait in the wings. Actually I came on the Test scene quite late as I was now 31. The war years had delayed my entry into the Test arena. My teammate Vinoo Mankad was also playing his first Test at the comparatively late age of 29. For Modi, Kardar, Gul Mahomed and Shinde too this was the first Test.

Like a good captain Pataudi won the toss all right. But in a sensational day's play as many as 14 wickets fell while 270 runs were scored by the two sides. We were banking on Merchant, the sheet anchor of the side on the tour. But at 12, he was unlucky to receive an unplayable ball from Test debutante Bedser and was caught behind. We never quite recovered the shock.

Enter Modi, a good enough batsman against any attack but an uncertain starter. He was likely to flash his bat early in the innings. To do so with Hammond, world's best fielder in the slips was suicidal but Modi had told us in the dressing room that he would flirt with fortune. Sure enough he flashed at Wright, a leg break bowler but much too fast. Hammond had forgotten to place himself a little deep with the result that Modi's slash found him juggling with an extra-fast snick which the great man unaccountably dropped.

Modi gave a thumbs up salute towards the Indian dressing room to prove that his tempting 'Lady Luck' had worked. Then he set down to some good stroke play. I started well and could execute a couple of cover drives. Just when I thought I was doing well I was surprised by a ball from Bedser. I was bowled by him for 31. In a last wicket partnership of 43 with tailender Shinde, Modi saw India's innings reach exactly 200. He remained not out with a gallant 57.

## Irresistible

If we found Bedser too much for our liking with his bag of 7 victims the opponents encountered Amarnath in an irresistible mood and were 70 for the loss of top batsmen—Hutton, Washbrook, Compton and Hammond himself. All fell to an inspired spell by Pataudi. Compton was bowled by a beauty first ball on his home ground.

Next day resolute batting by Hardstaff and the stodgy Gibb saw the home team wriggle out of a tight corner. They consolidated their position with a big partnership. I took a catch low down in the slips to terminate the stand to give Mankad the 1st of his 162 Test victims and to claim my first catch in Test cricket.

The skipper relied too much on

Amarnath, who lost some of his sting and the English first innings ended at 428 giving them a sizeable lead. Hardstaff was left undefeated with 205 to his credit.

By the end of the second day we had lost 4 second innings wickets for 130 runs. I was batting with 26 with Pataudi. Mankad had earlier made 63. When I made 34, Hammond caught me in the slips, Pataudi was bowled by a beauty from Wright and Amarnath's bravado gave him a half-century. But we folded up for 275 to lose by a convincing margin of 10 wickets on the stroke of lunch on the third day.

Our skipper proved lucky with the coin once again at Old Trafford. He took the unusual step of sending the opponents in. This move led the pundits to criticise it as an unwise one. They said it had never proved successful before. They further argued that English batsmen were well used to wat wickets and hence they would not find batting on such surfaces difficult. But the critics forgot that Indian batsmen were strangers to such conditions and could not be expected to give up their best. It appears that the skipper chose the lesser of the two evils.

## Misfired

For a time the gamble seemed to have misfired as by the end of the day's play England had made 236 for 4 with the first four batsmen reaching fifty each. Next day the hosts were all out for just 294. Both Amarnath and Mankad bowled extremely well to see us in this comfortable position.

When Merchant and Mushtaq Ali opened our first innings and added 124 when Mushtaq Ali left for 46 to be soon followed by Merchant for 78. But they had given a rousing reply to the opponents' moderate total and it was now up to the others to consolidate the advantage of a flying start.

We flattered to deceive, Pataudi had another brain wave and decided to alter the batting order radically. He promoted Kardar to No. 3 expecting him to knock the bowlers off their length. It did not quite come off and Kardar failed to be followed by the rest of us. From a strong position of 124 without loss we slumped and were bundled out for a paltry 170.

Some quick scoring by the home side left us three hours batting and the choice between playing out time and making the runs at the rate of over 90 per hour. We plunged headlong into disaster right from the start. In a sensational spell we lost the cream of our batting and lost 3 wickets for a bare 5 runs. Merchant, the hero of our first innings turned the third ball of the opening over from Pollard into the

hands of the fielder close by Pataudi did the hat-trick of the unfortunate decisions made by him in this Test and came in No. 3. Both he and the other opener Mushtaq Ali fell with the total of 5.

Modi and I then came together. I played what I regard as one of my best Test innings. Modi also did likewise. For once we were not content to sit on the spine and defend but we played positive cricket and scored at the rate of a run a minute. I remember a couple of pulls and cover drives which the discerning critics were generous enough to applaud. Bedser, who had established such an ascendancy over us in the first Test was once again in his element. He was admirably supported by the local star Pollard. Tall, hefty and red haired, Pollard (a crooner and a pianist when not bowling his hot stuff) proved the right foil to Bedser.

Modi and I added 74 in even time. Bedser bowled a no-ball. I did not want to miss this golden opportunity and helped myself to the maximum runs possible from a single stroke unaided by overthrows. I hit the only six of my Test career. When Modi and I seemed well set disaster overtook us. On a helpful wicket end in indifferent light, Bedser struck and we slumped to lose 9 wickets. 15 minutes were still left and with the last pair in a victory for England seemed certain.

But Sohoni and Hindlekar proved equal to the occasion. As both were regular openers in Indian cricket they never looked like tail-enders. Gradually and confidently they weathered the storm and saved the day for us. Hindlekar batted with such cocksureness that off the last ball of the match he even had the temerity to call the handsome Sohoni for a run. Though morally beaten we officially registered a draw.

## Dismal draw

The third Test at the Oval was a dismal draw. Rein interfered so much that only our first innings could be completed. England lost 3 wickets for 95 when the Test petered out to an unsatisfactory close. Once again the old firm of Merchant and Mushtaq Ali saw us off to a good start. The only other redeeming feature of this disappointing draw was Merchant's innings of 128. He looked so set throughout that the only way possible to dismiss him seemed to be a run out. The home team must have prayed for it exactly happened that way.

Merchant played a ball towards leg and started off for a run. The fielder close by was Compton. He found the batsman out of his crease but did not have sufficient time to bend down pick

up and throw the ball towards the wicket-keeper or the batsman's wicket. Suddenly Compton remembered that he was a footballer too. He kicked the ball, football fashion directly in the direction of the stumps at the batsman's end. The treatment was as effective as a sure football goal. Merchant, out of his crease and not expecting football tactics in cricket, was smartly run out.

I was out early in trying to hook. The ball did not look like taking a wicket, yet I provided Gover with my wicket. As an ex-footballer, I too felt like kicking with the difference that I felt like kicking myself for getting out in the way I did.

The draw ended our Test challenge inspite of the fact that each of the Tests was of only 3 days' duration, we lost the first and came very near to losing the second as well. Surely we were capable of doing much better. We had the additional advantage of having played cricket throughout the war years. On the other hand England players, except for Compton and Herderson had a long lay-off. Our main stumbling block was our inability to adjust to the slow, green turners and to face the moving ball effectively. Lack of consistency was another of our drawbacks. Add to it our old failing of not being able to consolidate our advantage and you get an idea of our tale of woes.

After several local fixtures we came to Lord's to play our last county match against Middlesex. I had a score to settle at Lord's. Gods looked keen on making amends for their earlier unkindness to me when I was robbed of my century. The conditions were ideal for batting with the ubiquitous rain on a holiday. We won the toss but the Lord's wicket in the early hours on the first day always does something. Merchant, Mushtaq Ali, Pataudi and Amarnath were soon back in the pavilion.

Modi and I had to prevent further debacle and to retrieve the position. Both of us soon got set and our partnership was not broken till it had realised 161. Modi looked set for a century but fell at 80.

Mankad joined me after Modi's departure with his eyes set on getting his 1000 on the tour as he was nearing the target. I was keen on scoring a century at the headquarters of cricket. I duly got my objective. As the conditions looked favourable and as both of us

We added 200 together. The side's total was well past 450 when the day neared the end. I was on 190 and on the verge of a double century. Only a few minutes remained and if I hurried the chances were that I would get it. But it seemed equally possible that I may miss it if I made undue haste. Anyway after my misfortune in the first match I was in no mood to take chances at the fag and of the day.

A move by the home captain further added to my doubts. Normally not a bowler, Donnelly, leading Middlesex put himself on to bowl. As he was an unknown quantity, I played him carefully and was left not-out with 193 to my credit. Later he told me that he very much wanted me to complete my double century and with that view he had come on to bowl.

Both Mankad and I were not destined to reach our respective goals in the match. The rain after an unusual rest fell in torrents during the night and turned the batting strip into a bowlers' wicket. Quite rightly, leaving individual considerations in the background, our captain declared at the overnight total of 489 for 5. My unbroken association with Mankad was worth 227. I then assisted him and Bannerjee in bundling out Middlesex twice cheaply to win happily by an innings.

A couple of festival matches saw Mankad getting his 1000. As he had already completed 100 wickets, he achieved a noted double. He was the first Indian to do so and the first tourist since Constantine to achieve the feat. This achievement qualified him to be included in the 'Five Cricketers of the Year' by Wisden. C.K. Nayudu and Vijay Merchant were the earlier Indian tourists to gain this honour.

Merchant stood streets ahead of any batsmen in our party. He scored more than 2000 with 7 centuries. He played in all but two matches on the tour. On all types of wickets he batted with the same mastery. In addition he helped his partners in building up an innings. We all benefited by observing him perform at the other end. But this was to prove his last tour—almost a swan song so far as overseas tours were considered. Playing day in and day out in adverse conditions, rainy and frequently bitterly cold, took their toll. Merchant, not strongly built and a strict vegetarian on top of that, did not quite come out

The vegetarians had a hard time in meeting their daily requirements because of war time conditions and restrictions still obtaining at that time. The staple diet was bread, milk, and dehydrated potatoes and cabbages. No wonder the vegetarians suffered. Meat eaters fared a little better as they got eggs (though in short supply), as presents in our capacity of honoured guests.

I must however mention that none of us complained even once. An opulent person like Merchant could well have made private arrangements of his for a more sumptuous diet. But being essentially a team man he refused to do so.

When we read of touring cricketers to India complaining 'ad nauseam' about the food problems they encounter in our country, I feel proud of our boys. We have always conducted ourselves as true cricketers. Those who taught us cricket and excel at the game, however seem to be wanting in this respect. It is just not cricket.

## Patience

We found the English spectators more quiet than our own. They seemed sufficiently knowledgeable. Their main virtue was their patience. Being phlegmatic by nature, a typical English characteristic, they uncomplainingly waited for the game to start after a rainy interruption. We in our turn played in conditions normally not suited for a day's play simply because we did not want to disappoint the multitude that had gathered to see us perform.

All of us felt the strain of playing 6 days a week for a period of more than 4 months continuously. Back in India we are not used to playing so much in a season. In my time a match or two was all that we played in a whole season. If we happened to get knocked out in the first Ranji Trophy match. Here we found ourselves going stale at the fag end of the tour.

Strange playing conditions they might have been. But we played cricket as it should be played at all times. In a festival match towards the end of the tour, Mankad failed for the opposing side as they were short of players. Forgetting our big partnerships on the tour, he did not hesitate to catch me out. I was temporarily an opponent if only by arrangement, but deserved to be treated as such.

The homeward journey was by sea. As I recalled my fate on an earlier tour when I had sailed home on a cargo steamer, this journey replete with all the modern facilities and social life was a thoroughly welcome contrast. I even forgot to be sea-sick as often as I should have been. After an enjoyable sea trip the familiar lights of good old Bombay told us that this was home, sweet home once again.

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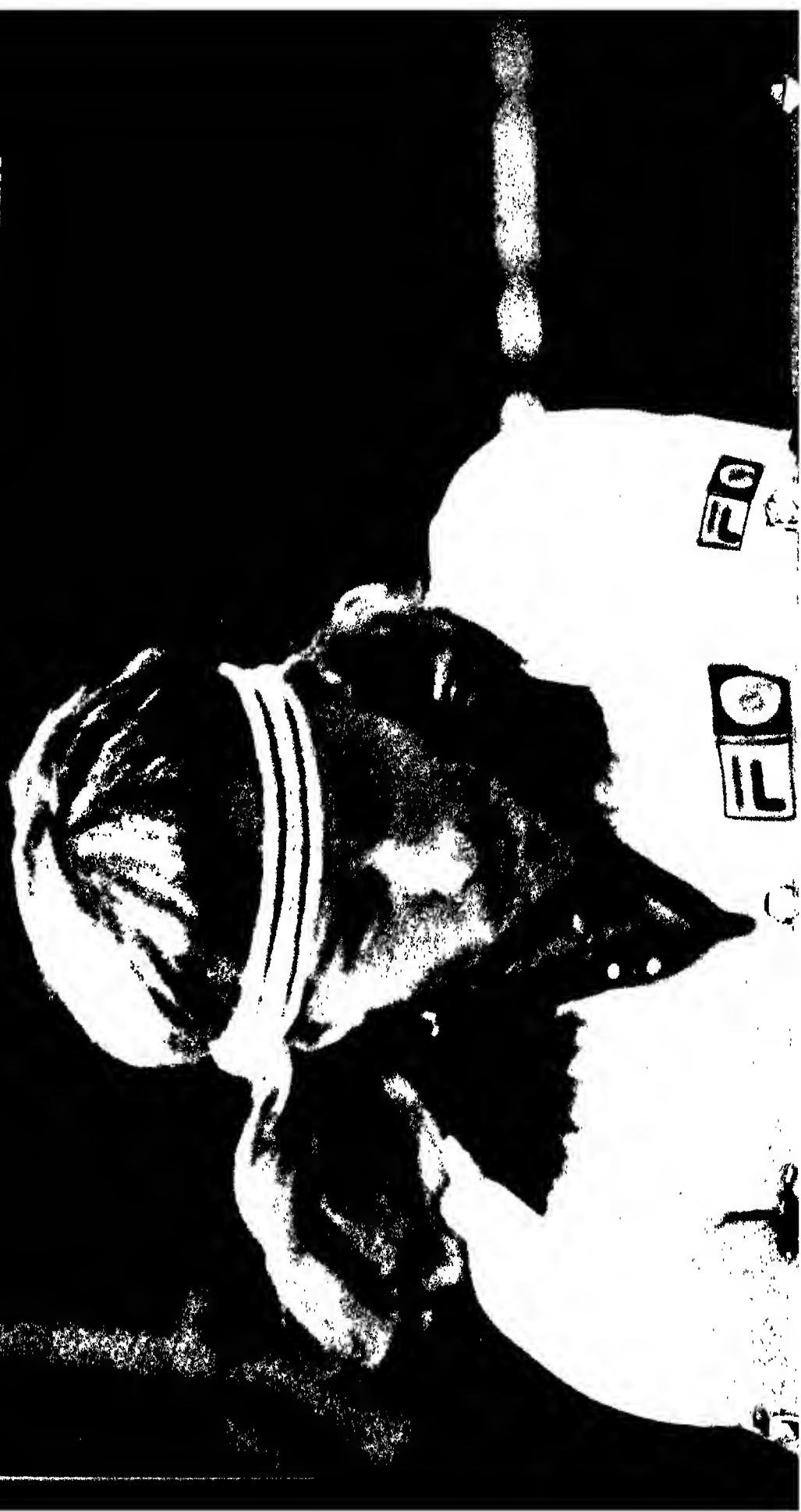
Govt of India Sanjeev Reddy who presented the Arjuna awards in Delhi last week is seen  
 some of the winners. Back row, from left: Gopal Sami (athletics), Chetan Chauhan and  
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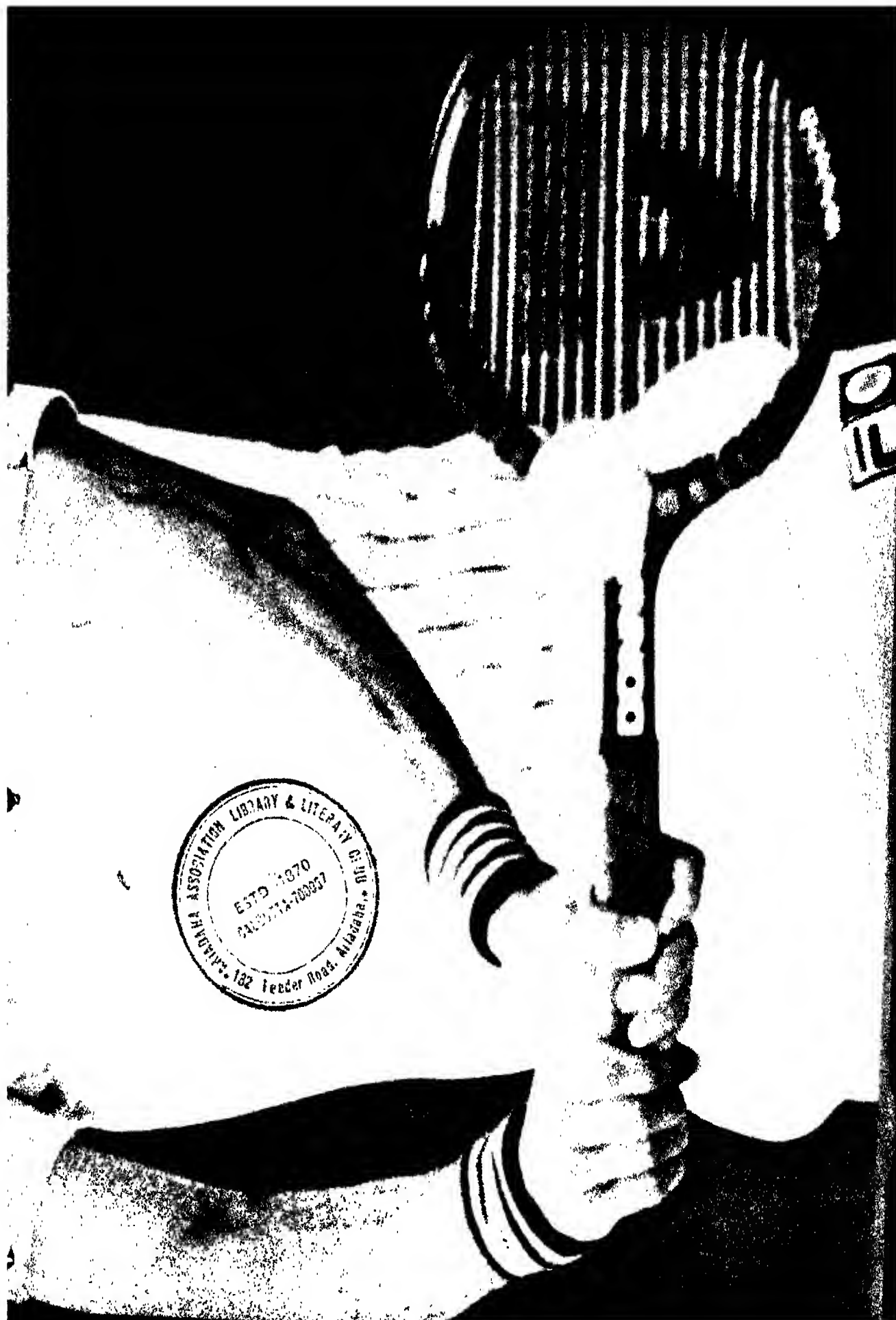




Bjorn Borg... Wimbledon  
will miss him

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Russel Oshah of Ipswich (top right) ticks off as Garth Crooks of Tottenham (left) in the Tottenham Hotspur v Ipswich match.

# Resounding start to second decade

**T**HE second decade of the Ranji Trophy championship started with a resounding bang. While 20-year-old Rusi Modi touched peak form rattling three figure scores in every match, and setting up a season's record of 1008 runs—this remains untouched till today, in spite of the expansion of the competition into a league-cum-knockout—the 49-year-old C K Nayudu, and the equally elderly professor Deodhar batted with undiminished prowess the latter coming up with a century in each innings.

Inbetween were the young veterans



*The participation of the stylish Reg Simpson (left) and the English batting wizard Denis Compton (right) added further dimension to the 1944-45 Ranji Trophy season*

Vijay Merchant, Vijay Hazare and Mushtaq Ali, all of whom were in an irrepressible mood, not to speak of the performances of freshers like Abdul Hafiz—later to dominate Pakistan cricket as A H Kardar. What added further dimension to the season was the participation of the English batting wizard Denis Compton and the stylish opening batsmen Reg Simpson, who were in India on war service. In bowling there was the up and coming men like Dattu Phadkar, C R Rangachari and Chandu Sarwate, and freshmen like Abdul Hafiz and S G Shinde. Among the seniors A G Ram Singh and Ghulam Ahmed maintained their consistent form.

The final between Bombay and

Holkar, which the former won, provided a great and fitting climax. Played over six days without a rest day, the match was action-packed, producing a world record of 2078 runs off 894.5 overs in about 33 hours play. The batting was highlighted by double centuries from Vijay Merchant and Denis Compton, the latter for Holkar, centuries by Mushtaq Ali (in each innings), Rusi Modi and Cooper. C S Nayudu put in a marathon effort of 152.5 overs and took 11 wickets. The match was watched by a good crowd at the Brabourne Stadium, but those who could not do so were enthralled by the ball by ball description of AFS



Tatyarkhan in his inimitable style over the radio.

Modi scored 160 against Sind in Bombay's opening match in the West Zone and was concerned in a third wicket partnership of 205 runs with his captain Merchant (84). Bombay 432 and 16 for one were declared winners on their first innings lead as Sind replied with 164 and following on with 244 for four declared. Reg Simpson, who opened the innings for Sind, scored 68 and 63 in copybook style. D Narottam (five for 85) and leg spinner J J Kore (six for 90) touched good form for Sind and Bombay respectively.

After Phadkar had helped to dismiss Western India the holders for 188

runs taking six for 58. Modi and Merchant scoring 210 and 217 respectively added 373 runs for the third wicket. Merchant was in faultless form. Bombay declared at 592 for six and then dismissed Western India for 92 runs through leg spinner K K Tarepore (five for 20) and M N Raju (three for 41). Modi followed this effort with an unbeaten though not chanceless 245 against Baroda, which held the Bombay innings together and helped them to win by seven wickets.

Thanks to a stylish 145 by left hander Abdul Hafiz, Northern India raised 373 runs against Bombay in the semifinal. Though he lost his captain early, Modi found in Phadkar (73) fine support to add 100 runs for the fifth wicket. Modi played his fourth successive three figure knock of 113 runs. But Uday Merchant overhauled his effort scoring 183 runs which helped Bombay to reach 620 runs. Thanks to an opening stand of 124 between Md. Nazar and Muni Lal (55), Northern India raised 312 runs but still with the big lead they had Bombay won by ten wickets.

While M M Jagdale opening the innings scored 142 runs for Holkar in their opening match with Bihar in the East Zone, it was the double leg spin attack of C S Nayudu and Sarwate that helped Holkar to dismiss Bihar for 158 and following on for 91 runs. C S got six for 79 and three for 18 and Sarwate four for 42 and five for 35. Holkar won by 140 runs. The same pair were again responsible for Holkar's next success against Bengal, also by an innings and 295 runs. But before Bihar went to the crease Holkar put up the unbeatable total of 538 runs. This was built through a 218 run stand between young Sarwate and veteran C K Nayudu. Sarwate scored 127 while C K made 141. Bengal were skittled out for 64. C S five for 32, Sarwate two for 13 and following on were all out for 176. This time C S and Sarwate took four wickets each for 70 and 43 respectively.

Holkar's next match, the semifinal against Madras, was played in Madras and evoked tremendous interest. Apart from C K and Mushtaq Ali, Denis Compton, then a great batsman in his prime, was a great attraction. Chepauk drew the biggest crowd in its history till then and I had to struggle hard to get even standing space. After fine knocks by C P Johnstone (64) and A G Ram Singh (34), Madras folded up for 254 runs against the spin of C S and Sarwate. The latter was in deadly form.

to take six for 89. Holkar replied with 403, thanks to Sarwate (74), and an excellent partnership of 100 runs for the fourth wicket between C.K. (52) and Compton (81). The Englishman, cynosure of all eyes, gathered his runs through fluent, graceful strokes which were placed with precision. Sarwate maintained his deadly form to shatter the Madras second innings for 158 runs. He took seven for 60, for match figures of 13 for 149. With his valuable 74, Sarwate did steal the limelight even from Compton. Rangachari bowled with tremendous energy for Madras, and his seven for 110 included both C.K. and Compton.

The strength with which Holkar had performed and the great deeds of the Bombay players together heightened the importance of their meeting in the final. It proved to be a match to remember, qualitatively and quantitatively. Modi scored 98 in Bombay's first innings of 462; Holkar's reply of 360 was highlighted by a delightful 109 by Mushtaq Ali, which left Bombay with a lead of 102 runs. This they enhanced by another 764 runs, the best total for a second innings in Indian cricket, Modi and Merchant, 151 and 278 respect-



Abdul Kardar...scored a magnificent 145 for Northern India in the semifinal against Bombay

ively, added 228 runs after which the latter and Cooper (104) added 248 for the fourth. Merchant batted for 485 minutes like the master he was and hit 20 fours. Bombay took only 679 minutes for their score, more than run a minute.

Holkar lost two quick wickets but a memorable unbeaten 249 by Compton, Mushtaq Ali's second century of the match, and their third wicket stand of 209 runs lifted the contest to great heights. What better exhibition of strokeplay could the enthusiasts have expected than these two batsmen provided. Compton fought to the bitter end, and with O.P. Rawal (11) he added 109 for the final wicket. His magnificent effort touched everyone's heart, and Talyarkhan's moving description of his innings is still ringing in my ears. Compton scored 249 not out—a record for Holkar—19 fours. Holkar were all out for 492 but still Bombay were able to win by 374 runs. C.S. Nayudu displayed wonderful stamina and fine striking power, which his figures reflected 64.5-10-153-6 and 88-15-275-5. For Bombay, Phadkar and Tarapore bowled effectively.

The other leading performances of the season. East Zone: Shantilal Gandhi, United Provinces' off-break bowler took nine for 144 for the match against Bengal. But UP lost with N. Chowdhury taking eight for 89 for the match for Bengal. Veteran Deodhar touched scintillating form to score a century in each innings—105 and 141—for Maharashtra against Nawanganar. In the second innings he and M.N. Paranjpe (65 not out) added 216 for the seventh wicket. Deodhar's 141 contained a six and 24 fours. Leg-spinner Shinde touching fine form and claiming five for 17 and four for 29 helped Maharashtra to win by 489 runs. S.K. Girdhar's, allround performance in the same West Zone, 44 and 149 and five for 23 was the feature of Western India's match against Gujarat in the same West Zone. Vijay Hazare was the third batsman to knock off a century in each innings—first time in his career—for Baroda against his former team, Maharashtra. He scored 127 and 162 not out. In both innings he batted brilliantly. In the second innings he was helped by Hemu Adhikari (164 not out) to add 303 runs for the unfinished fourth wicket stand. Earlier, their skipper R.B. Nimbalkar scored 128 while opening the innings.

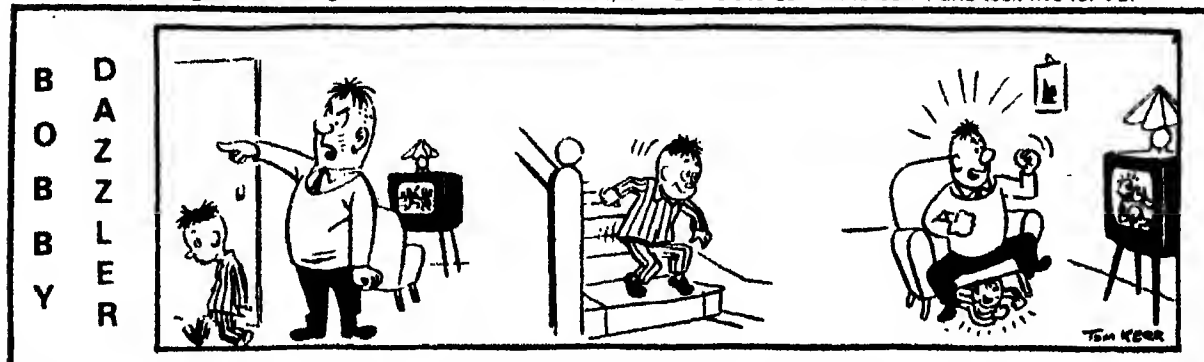
In the North Zone, M.R. Bhide scored



Rusi Modi...rattled three figure scores in every match and set up a season's record of 1008 runs

114 runs for Northern India against Delhi, while Abdul Hafiz, opened the season with an allround performance. He scored 68 and took 10 wickets for 49 for the match, with his left-arm medium-pacers, which played a big part in Northern India's innings victory over Delhi. Chunilal's fine spell—six for 25—clinched a comfortable 362 run win for Northern India against Southern Punjab. For the losers, University had Maqsood scored an excellent 144 in the first innings.

On a rain-affected pitch at Chepauk, bowlers of both Madras and Hyderabad were deadly. Ghulam Ahmed claimed seven for 64 and five for 81 for Hyderabad while C.R. Rangachari took five for 46 and three for 53 supported by Ram Singh (four for 46 and five for 46). Madras won by 54 runs. A. Ananthanarayan's stolid 124 not out, and Rangachari's seven for 34 and two for 55 got Madras their next victory against Mysore in the South Zone final. Palia, who had returned to Mysore, his parent state, and taken over the captaincy, scored 74 and took five for 73.





## Mohun Bagan most impressive

**C**HAMPIONS Mohun Bagan have been the most impressive of the three Calcutta giants who were all seen in the week under review in the Sixth Federation Cup Football Tournament. They have come to extend their lease on the beautiful trophy without 10 of their stalwarts who are on national duty. Yet their displays have been more satisfying than those of East Bengal and Mohammedan Sporting.

Mohun Bagan beat Border Security Force in their last match in group I league by four goals to nil. Two days before this game they had fought a goalless draw with Mafatlal and another two days earlier they had beaten Premier Tyres by two goals to nil. Thus like Salgaokar in group II they finished on top with five points and without conceding a goal.

The holders who have contested every final—except the one when no Calcutta side took part—took things lightly after they had run up a two goal lead four minutes after the interval. Their new striker Amitava Mukherjee got both the goals from passes of new right half Bikash Panji. The newcomers seemed to be getting in and Shibaji Banerjee looked safe in goal. But they had one setback when Gautam Sarkar limped off the field 10 minutes from the interval.

Premier Tyres who had nothing at stake having lost their previous two matches resisted for a while and launched some attacks through their speedy wingers. But after Mohun

## sans their ten stalwarts

Bagan's second goal the game petered out.

Mohun Bagan next faced a team which had held them goal-less in the quarter-final league of the Stafford Cup at Bangalore.

They again found Mafatlal hard customers and could consider themselves somewhat lucky not to drop both points after failing to capitalise on early lapses of the Mafatlal deep defence. Skipper Shyam Thapa had D Silva the advancing Mafatlal custodian to dive and fist to his right. D Silva recovered in time to dive at Surajit Sengupta's feet and snatch the ball away. Soon after this Manuel Fichardo sent the ball straight to Gautam Sarkar whose try beat D Silva and crashed against the crossbar.

Then Mafatlal began to move and the Mohun Bagan defence were harassed more than their counterparts because there was more subtlety in the Bombay side's attacks. Panaji had fouled Ranjit Thapa early but that did not intimidate

the former international who at 41 must be the oldest and perhaps one of the fittest in the competition. Ranjit, Pran Chatterjee and Rattan Thapa with the backing of Bhushan Chandra, Gurung and skipper Keith Swain gained the upper hand. But the Mohun Bagan defenders managed to ward off danger and only twice before the interval did Shibaji Banerjee seem to be in trouble. On one occasion the goalkeeper tipped on to the bar, a good essay by Pran and another keep out a long swerving shot of Ranjit Thapa.

Shibaji was lucky to escape without even a yellow card when he kicked Vijaykumar Choudhary. Specially as referee S S Hakeem had shown the yellow card to Mafatlal goalkeeper D Silva for time wasting, a much lesser offence. Likewise Krishendu Roy also got away when he kicked Ranjit Thapa. Hakeem called the captains and issued a general warning.

Mohun Bagan had their chances but they either made efforts or were wide of the mark. It was Mafatlal who had the better openings even in the second half when their deep defence also played better. But Pran Chatterjee missed a couple of chances and left back Rahman toed the ball to Shibaji Banerjee after the goalkeeper had been beaten by Ranjit's flag kick. Satyajit Ghosh saved in the nick of time when Pran was posed to shoot from close.

Mohun Bagan need only a point from



Pran Chatterjee of Mafatlal (right) nets his side's first goal to rout Vasco 5-0. The defender opposing him is Luma Kamath.



Paulose of Premier Tyres looks on as BSF's Pradip Kumar somersaults in vain. BSF beat Premier Tyres 1-0.

## Federation Cup

B.S.F. in the concluding match of the group because of their better goal difference. But their defence played cleverly to neutralise the threat of Narendra Gurung and Pradip Kumar. Gurung did make some commendable tries in both half, but these were taken care of by Shibaji Banerjee in the first half and Dilip Pal in the second. B.S.F. were unlucky not to get a penalty when they were fighting to reduce the halftime arrears of two goals. Referee G. Natarajan felt there was nothing wrong in Krishnendu Roy holding inside the box a cross by Gurung.

A goal at that stage would have made B.S.F. redouble their efforts.

Instead they were discouraged and Francis D'Souza, who had inspired the Mohun Bagan attack with his energetic runs, and scored two goals off crosses from Ulaganathan in the first half, completed his hat-trick before Ulaganathan saw in disbelief goalkeeper Charanjit Singh dropping over his head into goal his floated centre.

East Bengal had the rare experience of finishing last in the quarter-final league last Sunday when they were held to a 1-1 draw by Mohammedan Sporting. Thus they dropped out of contention. They did not compete in the first Federation Cup at Ernakulam nor in the third at Gauhati in which no Calcutta team did. But in all the other three they had made the semifinals and been joint winners with arch rivals Mohun Bagan in 1978 and 1980.

Before their encounter with the Mohammedan's it was also the last of Group 2—East Bengal were aware of



**Krishnendu Roy of Mohun Bagan (right) successfully overwhelms Paulose, Mohun Bagan beat Premier Tyres 2-0**

the stake cut out for them; they had to win to make it to the semifinals as runners-up to Goa Super League champions Salgaocar, who really had dealt them the mortal blow with a 2-0 victory. So they forced the pace from the start with—Amalraj displaying a verve and thrust that largely compensated for the below par show of Arjune Award winner Mohammed Habib. Amalraj was the conspicuous difference between the

two sides in a match largely dominated by robust quick tackling and clearing defences. Even the highly rated 1978 Iranian World Cup player Majid Bekshar made little impact.

Amalraj made the first opening but Arup Das' shot was well saved by Pratap Ghosh. With his next penetrative move Amalraj set up and brought about the goal that gave East Bengal the lead and the initiative. He accepted the return pass from Akbar to beat Pratap Ghosh.

## A ploy

For the rest of the first half, East Bengal were on top with only Jamsed Nassiri disturbing their defence. And it was a ploy by the tireless Iranian that brought the equaliser and Mohammedan Sporting's eventual entry into the semifinals. He jumped high outside the goal area for a free-kick and put off an onrushing Tapas Chakraborty. As both missed the free-kick of Moidul Islam, Somenath Banerjee headed for Majid Bakshar to push the ball home.

This equaliser came at a vital stage to inspire the Mohammedan's to hold out under the relentless siege that East Bengal made in the second half. Still they were lucky in that twice their goal survived shots in quick succession from inside the goal area. The first occasion was soon after the restart when Moidul blocked Akbar's shot from three yards and Robin Das did likewise to the effort by Habib off the rebound near the other post. Midway through, Arun Nath banged over the bar from three yards after Pratap Ghosh was deceived by a flag-kick of Arup Das. In the test five minutes, Akbar had the mortification to see his shot from inside the goal area come off the post across the goal and



**Bagan's custodian Shibaji Banerjee collects the ball before Paulose can do harm**

being cleared by Moidul. Then Pratap Ghosh tied back into play a fierce volley of Tapan Das.

Mohammedan Sporting were never able to penetrate as deep into the rival territory. But they had three good chances. Jamshed sent the ball into the box but Majid was thwarted by Balai Mukherjee. Then Khabazzi made one of the best passes of the match, one that caught even colleague Jamshed by surprise. The third chance was when Majid, who played better in the second half, crossed along the inside teammate Uttam Chakraborty to bang goalwards. Tapan Chakraborty brought off a brilliant save.

Overall East Bengal have performed poorly in this Federation Cup. The odds were stacked in their favour when they took the field against Salgaocar. The Goa champions looked overawed by the reputation of their rivals and for the first twenty minutes or so exposed this. But when East Bengal were unable to take hold of the proceedings, Salgaocar grew bold and launched into the offensive. Their defence, which had been severely unyielding, played with increasing confidence. Their three-man midfield began to assert themselves.

After the initial sparring, it was Salgaocar who seemed likely to land the telling blows. They did, the first seven minutes after the interval through right linkman Arnold Rodrigues who converted the rebound when Biswajeet Das dived and kept out a try of Maurice from the left. A quarter of an hour later, Maurice took Biswajeet by surprise with a sudden shot from thirty yards. East



*BSF's striker Sibal Ghosh is foiled by Majid's Newman. Majid drew goalless with BSF.*

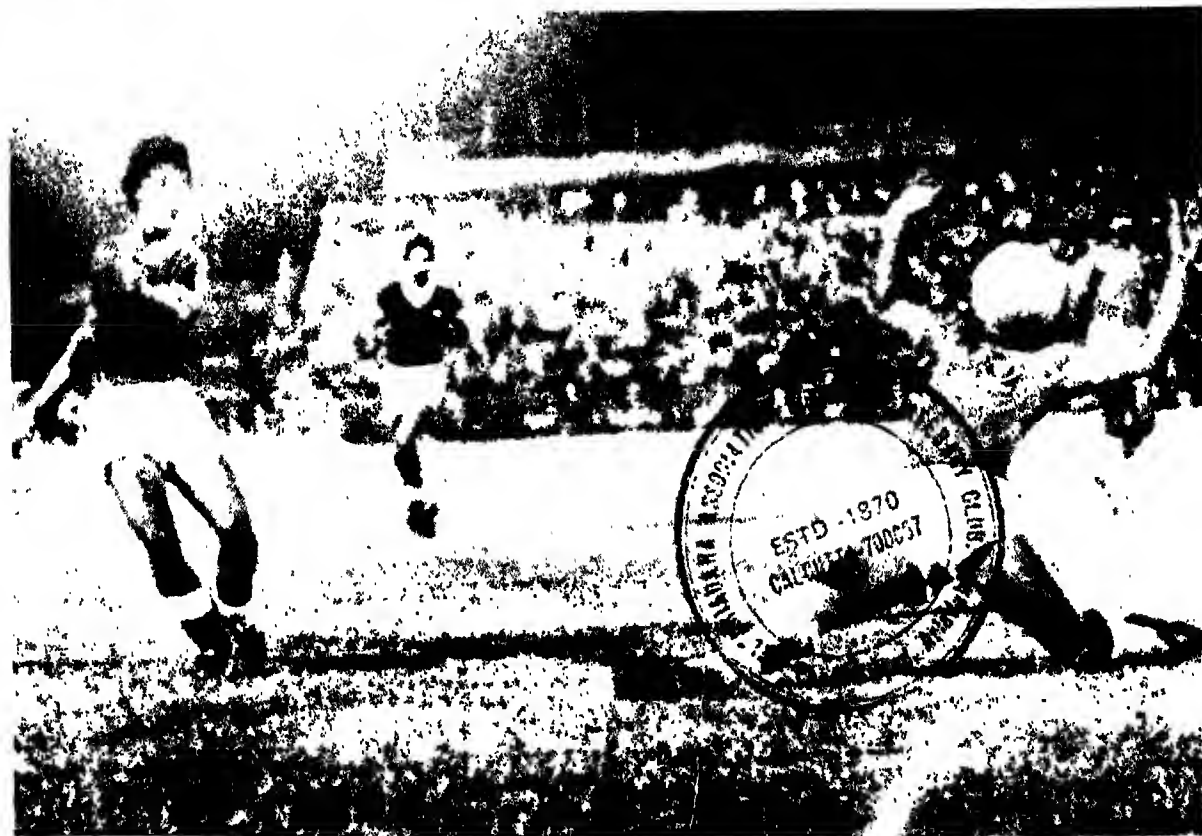
Bengal never looked capable of recovering from these setbacks.

East Bengal were also to score in their draw with Jagatjit Cotton and Textiles Mills. Both Arup Das and Akbar, the scorers, looked offside when Amalraj relayed the ball forward. JCT Mills also felt so as they stood in their tracks. There were one or two other debatable decisions of linesman G. Natarajan and the JCT players finally lost their cool midway through the first half when he did not flag offside when Arup Das and Akbar appeared to be. They went threateningly towards the linesman and from their gestures and lip movement did not appear to mince words. Referee M.G. Suvarna had to rush across to pacify the JCT players.

However, JCT had not given up the fight. They used the long pass down the middle and to the flanks to outstrip the East Bengal defence. But Kulraj Singh continued to be prodigal though twice he was denied goals by Tapan Chakraborty. JCT also suffered through over-elaboration in the second half.

Just when they seemed doomed to be beaten, they got the equaliser six minutes from the end through Narendra Thapa, who headed in a centre of Mohinder Singh that Tapan made no attempt to cut out.

The match with East Bengal was JCT's last and followed theirs with Mohammedan Sporting. That also ended in a 1-1 draw after Kulraj had fastened on to a line through pass of Inder Singh and placed past advancing



*In a match which JCT beat Titanium 3-2, the Phagwara striker Thapo (left) shoots goalwards but is halted clumsily by Titanium's Bashir Ahmed.*

## Federation Cup

Pratap Ghosh. But Ravi Kumar let in a silly equaliser to let the Mohammedans get away with a point which on hindsight has cost them a place in the semifinals. Right back Robin Das crossed high towards the far post and Ravi Kumar who should have had no difficulty in cutting it out and preventing Jamshed nodded it in, moved sideways and beyond his right hand post and left his goal open for Jamshed to head home.

This was hard on the Phaywara outfit. They had done more than their rivals in the second half though the first half to retire for the breather with an advantage. They made some plays, their authority was considerably diminished.

Mohammedan Sporting found Salgaocar a more confident side after the latter's victory over East Bengal and their own failure to get the better of JCT Mills. The Goa champions needed only a draw and so were a little cautious not to lose both in an all-out bid for goals. Perhaps the Mohammedans also felt it would be their advantage if they get a draw. East Bengal had dropped three points by then. In the event the match for the major part was dead. In this goalless encounter, the Salgaocar defence showed they could stand up to the big three of Calcutta. This could not be said of the Mohammedans defence with assurance as they were repeatedly



**Bhaskar of Salgaocar moves the ball to safety away from the threatening Arup Das of East Bengal. Salgaocar beat East Bengal 2-0**



**State Bank (Madras) striker Bicky Brown is a wee bit too late as Mafatlal custodian D'Silva collects the ball. Mafatlal beat SBI 1-0. Pic: T. Narayanan**

caught off guard by the midfield play of their rivals.

The Mohammedans perhaps also suffered in playing substitute Musheer Ahmed at left back while his normal position is in the middle of the defence. Once again Majid did not strike the form he is expected to and that told on their attack.

Towards the end Jamshed and Rebello were hurt in a collision. There was some heated words near the touchline as the Mohammedans coach and manager were not allowed onto the field though their counterparts had been attending Rebello who had fallen on the ground. It must be said that Jamshed had come towards the touchline and coach Naeem had come in and applied ice on the side of his head before calling out for the doctor. The delay in the doctor coming out infuriated the Mohammedans. One of whose substitute is alleged to have abused the doctor.

It is also alleged by the Mohammedans that the standby referee and a police official had rudely prevented their coach and masseur going on to the field. The fourth referee explained all that he had told the coach was to wait. The fourth match official awaited the referee's signal to let the Mohammedans officials on to the field. He was right because Jamshed had been able to come to the touchline on his own and so could have come off the field and gained medical aid.

The Mohammedans made an unnecessary fuss about the incident.

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# Britain's World Cup talisman



**A**FTER the World Cup finals, the rest of the world may possibly have heard of one or two other English players.

Glenn Hoddle, Britain's most naturally gifted footballer, might possibly command for himself a world stage...if he gets into the team and if the team gets itself into a position where Glenn can shine.

Or Trevor Francis, perhaps the most exciting player in full flight.

It might be that Trevor Brooking, so effortless, so elegant, will be the one to catch the eye of the rest of the world. We shall see.

On the other hand, we could end as we will begin, with only one player who is known outside these shores: Kevin Keegan.

He was elected European Footballer of the Year two years running, in 1978 and 1979 while he was playing for Hamburg. There was no English player in the top ten in 1980 or last year.

There is no denying, then, Keegan's claim to fame, if not to all time greatness.

On his return from Germany to play for Southampton, some said his best days were over.

Had he just become a walking product, a sponsorship machine, obsessed more with marketing himself and making millions than by actually playing football?

He proved his critics wrong early this year when he hit full form and peak fitness and took Southampton to the top of the First Division, making himself the League's leading scorer.

Even then the cynics were not convinced. He has peaked too early. He will be blown out by June. You'll see.

He has heard it all before and sensibly takes little notice, though he can still get hurt. I have noticed over the years a slight hardening, an awareness of when he is being used.

His early years were fairly standard, the working class background and a slow progression from a minor team.



## Kevin Keegan

Scunthorpe United had seen him in a pub team and offered to take him as an apprentice. He started weight training and managed somehow to grow from 5ft to his present 5ft 7in.

By 1971, he was 20 and a regular in the Scunthorpe team. For a year there had been endless stories of big clubs coming to watch him, but nothing ever seemed to happen.

"Perhaps they thought I ran funny," he says. "I got very depressed and very bored. I even thought of quitting football."

Then in May 1971 Bill Shankly signed him for £33,000. It was a modest sum even then.

He was offered £45 a week by Shankly, refused, asked for £50 and got it. Very cheeky.

By a series of lucky breaks, the first

team forwards were out of form—he was given a chance the next season. The rest is Roy of the Rovers.

In six years with Liverpool, he won everything the game had to offer, starting in a team that dominated England and then Europe.

Then he went off to Hamburg SV. There were cries of "traitor!" from the Kop and even boos and hisses in the street.

Everything came right in the end again. Hamburg, who finished tenth in his first season, became champions in 1979, the first time for 20 years.

With bonuses and off-the-field earnings, he was making £250,000 a year. He came back to Southampton for a much smaller basic pay, just under half.

It is probably less than some other English players, such as Peter Shilton, but there is little doubt that his total annual income is still around £250,000.

He must by now be a millionaire, if

only on paper, the first ever in British football.

Keegan looked like a little Fred Piper of Hamelin, crowds rushing after him through reception areas, following him into rooms, people putting down the phone as he passed, just to get a glimpse or a word.

All for a footballer. They had to hurry. Keegan never walks. Life is a trot.

If he escapes serious injury, he will certainly be Britain's most dangerous player in Spain.

Fit and in form, he can be an inspirational figure, a talisman upon whom the whole team, and the whole country, will be looking in June.

He has done well as a club player, but to be remembered along with Pele and Cruyff you have to do more. Which he knows.

"The only thing I haven't done is win anything with England."

HUNTER DAVIES

## 'Cup organiser gone cuckoo?

THE men organising the World Cup are finding the whole thing too much for him. A Spanish magazine claimed last week.

As claims of massive profiteering by travel companies raised a storm of protest, soccer supremo Raimondo Saporta was said to be increasingly feeling the pressure.

He has allegedly slept during banquets and close friends say he is ill. He is being treated for extreme mental strain.

The portly 54-year-old is accused in the magazine *Cambio 16* of completely disregarding everyone except King Juan Carlos in his handling of the tournament.

My only boss is the King, Saporta is quoted as saying.

The Government, the unions and the institutions leave me alone. The Government and the treasury to not underfund me, as

He is responsible for choosing a consortium of the four biggest hotel groups and the four largest travel agents as exclusive agents for the World Cup.

The consortium Mundispana paid Saporta's committee £900,000 for the privilege, and that is bad news for England fans, with their Bulldog mascot and other.

Hotel prices have been allegedly doubled while the Spanish Government turns a blind eye.

A Tourist Ministry official said: "If people are charged more than the maximum, they should complain to their local tourist office and we will take action."

## What they think of England

WHAT will happen to England?

Because the World Cup is for every body, we present a wide spectrum of views about what will happen, who should be picked, and why.

**STEVE CURRY**, Daily Express chief soccer writer. Bryan Robson. He'd probably be my first choice for the whole team, the one player definitely in the reckoning. You must pick him; he's had ten games on the trot and not a bad one.

**TERRY NEILL**, Arsenal manager. I'd pick Shilton with due respect to Clemence and Corrigan. I'd have few worries about any of them in goal.

**ERIC MORECAMBE**, comedian. Dave Watson. I'd go for experience.

I was picking the team now. Alvin Martin might be better by June, but I think Watson would have a steadying effect.

**JIMMY HILL**, Coventry chairman and broadcaster. No, I wouldn't choose Hoddle. He's just not consistent enough for his club, though in flashes he is marvellous.

**ROY HATTERSLEY, MP**. I would have a 4-2-4 formation with only two experienced men in the middle. Keegan and Brooking.

**OSSIF ARDILES**, Argentine and Spurs midfielder. I don't like to talk about England players. It can hurt if you name people. If I have to say something, then I say there is one person who definitely must play and that is Glenn Hoddle.



## Players present a united front

**D**IVIDE and rule That has always been the policy of the Badminton Association of India And it has paid them rich dividends over the years

Never before have the badminton players of this country been able to present a united front There have always been petty jealousies rivalries selfishness galore—that have prevented the players from getting together to throw off the authoritarian yoke of the BAI

But there is always the proverbial straw that breaks the back of the camel The last straw in the case about to be detailed came with the suspension of Sanjay Sharma from the selection trials to pick India's team for the fast approaching Asian Games And it brought about the much desired unity that feeling of brotherhood of willingness to make a sacrifice of personal gain in the common cause

But to take the tale up from the start The start was probably at the East Zone Major tournament one of the five most important tournaments in the domestic badminton calendar apart from the Nationals In the 1981-82 season this tournament was scheduled to have been held in December at Jamshedpur under the auspices of the Bihar Badminton Association

What took place there was the first step towards total unification The arrangements made for the competition were so bad and the manner of the main organiser one Mr Chaudhuri so arrogant and overbearing that the players made a unanimous decision to boycott the tournament and return home even if it meant facing the wrath of the BAI

### 'Justice'

The Bihar body could not take the slur It demanded justice from the BAI singling out four players for especial punishment—Uday Pawar Sanjay Sharma Medhur Bezborra and Vikram Singh However the players had informed the BAI en masse that they were walking out of the tournament and they had sufficiently good grounds for their action

The BAI hence could not take immediate action and the item remained on their agenda over several meetings though there was no open discussion about it What gave them the chance was the coaching camp at Madras scheduled for 10th February All players were supposed to attend it but Sanjay Peritho and Vikram dropped out the first two because they had to find sponsors to foot the bill for their proposed All England Championship

trip their entries had been okayed on a no cost to government basis

How the entries of Sharma and Ganguli were withdrawn a month before the onset of the tournament as a form of disciplinary action has been dealt with in these columns before (SW dated March 21) The BAI went a step further in the case of Sharma and



Sanjay Sharma the remarks were his personal views as a player and should have been viewed as such even had they been critical of the BAI styles

suspended him from attending the camps for the Asiad selections

The reason given for his suspension was that he had without the express permission of the BAI covered the Thomas Cup Asian Zone tie between India and China at Beijing in an Indian sport journal and therein made some disparaging remarks about the handling of badminton in this country by the BAI Sanjay's report in identically appeared in these very columns (see SW dated 21st February)

I will leave it to the reader to judge whether the criticism made by Sanjay Sharma in the concluding paragraphs of his article (the rest of the piece was a factual record of events in the Cup tie) were as damaging to the BAI as they have made it out to be

To me the remarks appear perfectly innocuous if anything constructive Sanjay has mentioned that despite the fact that our selections are heavily loaded in favour of singles players and that doubles occupies a back seat the Indian performance in the paired events was much more heartening than in the singles He advocated encouragement of regular doubles combinations in India

The remarks were the personal views of the player and should have been

viewed as such even had they been critical of the BAI's styles The organisation controlling the game in the country should be above all this

And it is certainly unfair to indict Sharma for covering the event journalistically Why Prakash Padukone has been writing regularly for a sports journal as has been the country's national coach Dipu Ghosh! Cricketers these days make it a practice to have their comments written up for them at the end of each day's play

No the fact of the matter is that the BAI needed a scapegoat and they also had the Bihar Association's complaint at the back of their minds In suspending Sharma they were killing two birds with one stone The player sent in his explanation immediately upon being asked for it but there has been no comeback from the Association Nor has his suspension been withdrawn

### Symbolic

It is caused the country's top players (Syed Mudi excepted) to meet last week in Bombay to decide on their future course of action They all felt that the action against Sanjay was only symbolic it was only the start of a policy of systematic harassment of the other players involved in the unsavoury Jamshedpur episode And if there was no comeback from them on the Sanjay incident the BAI's morale would be high

Accordingly they sent a telegram to the BAI asking for the unconditional withdrawal of the suspension order against Sharma All the top players stood behind that verdict It was a splendid display of unity that went several steps beyond the Badminton Players Association of India that was formed some years ago and which died a slow lingering death thanks to the dissensions amongst the constituent players themselves

At the time of going to press all the players are in Panaji Goa for the selection trials scheduled to be held there between 26th and 28th April They have categorically stated that none of them will play unless Sharma is also permitted to participate One hopes they will all have the courage of conviction to continue resisting when the BAI pulls out the thumbscrews and the hacksaws

I have an unshakable feeling that the BAI has gone too far this time This episode could well be the turning point of the fortunes of the game in India If the players capitulate the BAI bosses will be firmly in the gaddi for years to come If the players stand firm this could well mark the beginning of the end of the reign for the BAI current bosses

## When Borg discovered he's only human

**T**HE crisis in Bjorn Borg's life lies not on court, or in Wimbledon's ivy-clad corridors of power. It lies in his own head.

In Swedish, Bjorn means "Bear." While it does reflect the agility of his physique, it epitomises the immovable stubbornness of the man.

The five-time Wimbledon champion has chosen to take on, not the stuffed-shirt establishment, but his own ruling body—the International Men's Professional Tennis Council, including such men of experience as Jack Kramer, Arthur Ashe, Cliff Drysdale and Butch Buchholz.

Now, after months of committee room rallies, Borg has lost in straight sets in a battle of strategy.

It is a defeat which hurts, probably more than the loss of his Wimbledon crown to John McEnroe last year and leaves his unparalleled career at the crossroads.

Believing, perhaps, in his own immortality, he has awoken this week to discover that, for all his titles and millions, he is only human.

Wimbledon, predictably, has upheld the ruling of the IMPTC, of which Borg is an affiliated member, that players should commit themselves to a minimum 10 Grand Prix tournaments, if they are to have direct entry to the major championships of Wimbledon, France, and the U.S.

This is no more than to protect a game, in which greed among top players is more flagrant than in any sport. All the council asks is 10 weeks' commitment. Why has the world's most perfect sportsman tried to buck the system?

### Olive branch

As late as last week, he was offered the olive branch of extending his "year" to April '83 in order to include the requisite three tournaments, to add to the seven he has entered this year.

The irony is, that by having to qualify in seven tournaments, he will play more tennis than if he had entered the mandatory 10. An additional contradiction, is that he played an arduous exhibition in Tokyo, before crossing the world again this week to play in Las Vegas.

In considering any tennis player, and certainly a star of Borg's proportion it has to be remembered that an intensely introspective game demands a high degree of selfishness, more accentuated the higher the player rises, however courteous his manner. For 10 years since he was 15, Borg, unless he was (rarely) losing on court, has suited himself every minute of every day.

With his millions of prize money, plus



*The crisis of his life lies not on court or in Wimbledon's corridors of power, but in Borg's own head*

38 worldwide advertising endorsements, he need never hit another ball. The only remaining motivation is pride.

He has allowed the controversy over his Wimbledon entry to develop into a personality issue, with Frenchman Philippe Chatrier, President of the Federation, against whom he has deep resentment.

Even his wife Mariana, the former Rumanian player with whom he lived for four years before their marriage in 1980, he said: "When he goes on court, even I don't know what's in his mind."

When a journalist asked him two days ago, whether he did not feel he owed the game something, Borg almost snapped back. "I don't owe anyone. I think I did a lot for tennis, so I don't owe them to play 10 tournaments." Few would disagree morally.

How, then, did Borg come to believe he is a special case?

After his failure again last autumn to win the coveted U.S. title—the big one still to elude him—he decided to take four months off, for several reasons.

Mariana was suffering from a serious kidney disorder, which required hospital treatment, while he was physically and mentally drained.

But something else happened. Although the anxiety over Mariana's illness passed with her return to health, the boy prodigy suddenly rediscovered his lost youth, for the first time in his life he knew freedom.

He returned to his boyhood love of ice

hockey for several hours a day and a close friendship developed with Onnie Nordstrom, a Swedish PR consultant.

Nordstrom took over some of Borg's advertising contracts from Mark McCormack's International Management Group, and seemingly began to take critical business decisions.

Suddenly Borg mentor of 10 years, Lennart Bergelin, the man who had moulded the champion's tactics from junior days, who had shielded him from the frictions of the outside world, began to find himself an outsider.

As Borg battled his way back to match fitness in Monte Carlo recently, Bergelin stated:

"The boy has lost interest and concentration. He's so bloody pig headed, and stubborn. Once he's got something into his head he won't let go. He's never gone out of his way for anyone."

Undoubtedly the present torment in his spirit—the emotions within his marriage, and the relationship with Nordstrom—has left him manoeuvred out on a limb.

The question now, is not whether he has the physical ability to make a comeback, or the temperament to swallow his pride, but whether deep down he really wants to, whether he's content to play the lucrative round of exhibitions when it suits him.

Has turning up on time to suit other people finally proved too much for Borg the way it did, prematurely, and petulantly for George Best?

# You've said it yourself, Borg... it really is stupid!

By Ian Barnes

**B**JORN BORG is perfectly entitled to decide—as he did last week—that he will miss Wimbledon this year.

After hearing that the All England Club had decided that he must go through the qualifying rounds of Wimbledon, Borg said from Tokyo: "The Grand Prix rules are stupid. I have been penalised for wanting to take a rest. I have a very tough schedule."

Borg is perfectly entitled to his opinion that the rule which says he should play in 10 Grand Prix tournaments outside the big three championships this year or have to qualify for those he wants to play in is "stupid."

Nobody argued with his freedom to take a complete break from the game for the last four months.

But he has made a disastrous blunder in stubbornly thinking he is too famous or too important to be bound by rules his fellow professionals also dislike but accept as necessary for the benefit of the game, that provides them all with an enviable life.

Asking Borg and other players to support the £9 million Grand Prix by playing during 16 weeks of the year is in no way oppressive or over-taxing.

If Borg claims it would make him over-worked he could easily cut out the sort of exhibition he played in Tokyo last week, cashing in handsomely on the reputation he has made in tournament tennis. The Men's International Professional Tennis Council are not entirely blameless either.

They knew when they made the rules for 1982 that Borg planned to take his long holiday. They could have written in then the changes they are discussing for next year—exemption from qualifying for previous champions and reduced commitments from players taking genuine rests.

But, having made their decision, which was supported by Wimbledon and all the major championships, the council did everything they could to accommodate Borg.

The deadline for agreement was extended from September until January just for Borg because of the respect everybody has for his special place in tennis.

As recently as last week, Philippe Chatrier, council chairman and International Federation president, said "We would welcome Bjorn in—to all tournaments even at this late stage if he will only agree to play in 10 events during the rest of the year."

But Borg pig-headedly refused all the

lifelines and demanded still to be treated as a special case.

He seems happy to miss the French championship, which he has won six times, and Wimbledon, where he has five times been champion.

He will almost certainly play in the U.S. Open, the only big championship he has never won, as well as tournaments in Hamburg, Geneva, Stuttgart, Basle, Tokyo and Toronto.

If he goes through qualifying rounds

for them—as the rules say he must—he will wind up playing more tennis than if he had grudgingly accepted the council's firm stand.

I call that stupid.

I'm sorry that Borg, the greatest champion of the post-war years, will not be at Wimbledon this summer but I feel even sorer for the mixed up millionaire who only wants to play if he can make up his own rules.



*It's not just the worry of Argentina. There's been the uncertainty of Borg and Wimbledon!*

## Ashe sounds warning: US players could break Wimbledon

**T**HE CONTROL of international tennis is in chaos. Lack of strong leadership, too many vested interests, the worsening indiscipline among the men and the increasing number of people on the fringe looking for "the fast buck"—these are some of the major problems.

Wimbledon is far from immune to the effects of all this. Indeed, it is in the front line because it can be exploited, as the players have twice proved in the last 10 years.

In 1973, the majority of the men withdrew from the championships because Nikki Pilić was suspended for not playing for his country in the Davis Cup—an issue nothing to do with Wimbledon.

A few years later, the women threatened to boycott Wimbledon

unless their prize money was increased. The women won.

And they are not averse to repeating this form of demand, as the U.S. Open found last year, when the women said they would run their own championship unless they had more exposure on the main courts and on TV. They won again.

Arthur Ashe, 1975, Wimbledon champion, told me recently: "You know, the Americans could break Wimbledon if they wanted to. Knowing my countrymen, I sometimes wonder why they haven't tried. All they need is to mount one or two multimillion dollar tournaments to coincide with Wimbledon. The players would then decide where to play."

Since the Americans have so many top players, men and women, and most

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Continental, including world No. 2 Ivan Lendl, do not like grass courts. Wimbledon is extremely vulnerable.

There are current rumblings within the Association of Tennis Professionals, the players' trade union, based in the U.S. and largely run by Americans. They want to milk the major championships by taking 25 per cent of the fees received from TV.

If they succeed, the players could plunder around £400,000 from Wimbledon, who are hoping to hand over just that sum to the Lawn Tennis Association as a bonus this year.

And if the men take such a cut, what is to stop the women from asking for a similar share?

Furthermore, the players are now considering asking for a percentage of the gross takings at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open.

With something like £21 million in prize money available in the game today Lendl has already won more than £230,000 this year—and the amount to be made on the side, these demands or "requests" as the players call them, are pure greed.

Especially when you consider that Margaret Court, only 12 years ago, picked up less than £10,000 for completing the Grand Slam, winning

the French, Wimbledon, U.S., and Australian women's singles titles in one season.

It is the Americans who have set the money pace. They have far more "super-series" tournaments—those with prize money of at least £100,000—than any other country. They also produce the super-agents, who manage (and manipulate?) the players and can furnish tournaments.

How much of Bjorn Borg's stand against playing 10 Grand Prix tournaments was influenced by his agent, Mark McCormack? Borg can have lucrative exhibitions arranged almost every day of the week.

Last year's U.S. Open prize money was one million dollars, more than double any other event in the world. The explanation was that it was their centenary year—a one-off. But this year it has been raised again to one-and-a-half million dollars.

It would be financial lunacy for the British or French to give chase. The Americans are determined that their Open will be bigger in every way than any other. Last year they were not far behind Wimbledon's crowd record of 353,000.

"Unfortunately, I think the game has gotten so big so quickly that the rules

haven't grown with it," says Australian Peter McNamara.

The present-day standards of behaviour are depressingly low and a lot of players do not seem to enjoy the game as much as they once did.

Bill Talbot, a former U.S. doubles champion and now director of the U.S. Open, put it this way: "The language you hear on court these days is unreal and so is the behaviour. Tennis is the only sport where you can get away with it."

Even the supervisors, who are supposed to see that the rules regarding conduct are enforced, turn a blind eye. Chief supervisor Dick Robertson got a real roasting from the British Press during the Masters tournament in New York. He claimed he had not seen any obscene behaviour by Jimmy Connors during his match with John McEnroe. Nineteen thousand spectators did!

Even the Americans admit that "The loudest performance of 1981" went to McEnroe at Wimbledon for his first-round outburst while playing Tom Gullickson. And at the end of it, he did not even have to pay the fine.

Is there anybody who can take the game, its players and officials and knock their heads together?

Regrettably, I can think of no one.

## Now Nasty is one of the bosses

ONLY Ilie Nastase could have got away with it. The most outrageous bad boy in tennis took over the Savoy Grill to announce he has defected to the other side.

He is to become a tournament director.

Nastase, in a sweatshirt and jeans and droopy-eyed after flying in from Los

Angeles, was almost as much as one of London's plushiest restaurants could cope with.

The very thought of his joining the hierarchy of the game had monocles dropping into the gins and tonics.

It was, of course, a publicity stunt.

Nastase has a contract as touring professional with one of those Florida

resorts dedicated to caring for tennis nuts who enjoy a winter week in the sun.

This one, at Turnberry Island, North Miami Beach, is not actually built yet. But it will be running an eight-man tournament—the Ilie Nastase Hamptons Invitational—with £100,000 in prizes in December.

Nastase's job? "To get my friends to play," he said.

"We can't be sure of the date yet because Jimmy Connors is the only one I've got so far, and we are working out when he is available."

Nastase, now 36, admitted: "I have to be at Turnberry Island two weeks in the year as part of my deal so it will be nice to have a tournament there."

Then he joked: "I have already fixed the draw so that I win the ten thousand dollar bonus I am putting up!"

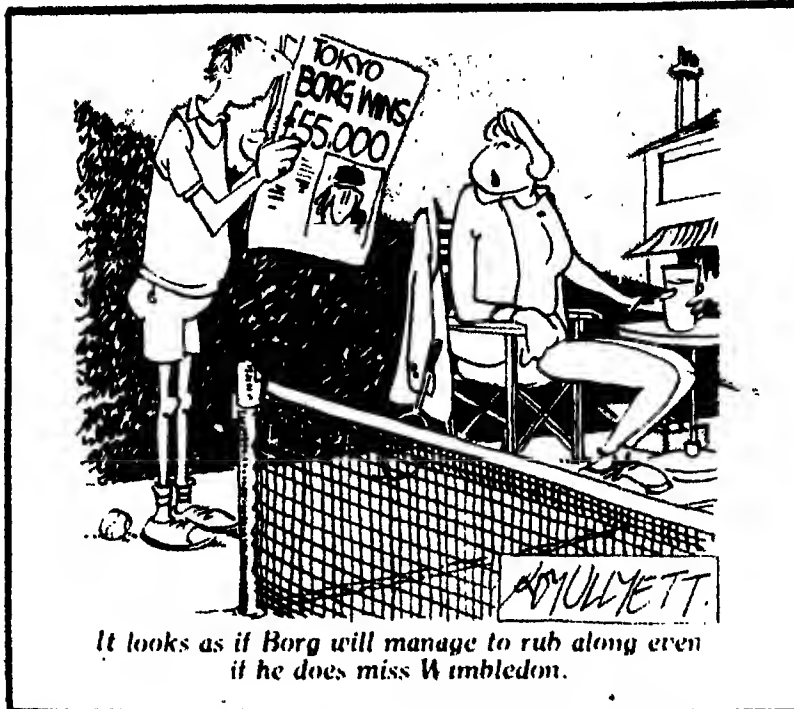
More immediately, Nastase has a date in the State Express Challenge, the British Hard Court championships, at Bournemouth.

Last time he played there, in 1975, he was disqualified by referee Mike Gibson in a tempestuous quarter-final against Frenchman Patrick Proisy.

"I have been thinking of asking Captain Gibson to referee my tournament," he said.

"He won't have too much to do. The rules will be flexible and much more relaxed than Wimbledon or Flushing Meadow."

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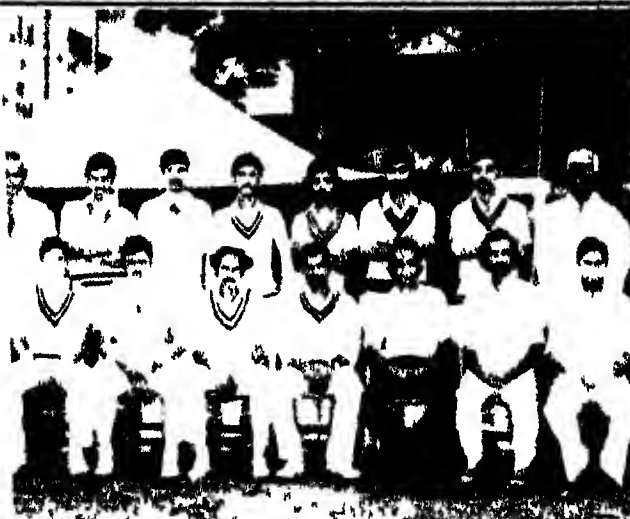
It looks as if Borg will manage to rub along even if he does miss Wimbledon.



## Around the country



**Nirlon emerged champions in the recently concluded Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Invitation cricket tournament at Bhopal. They beat Indian Airlines.**



**Young Men's Cricket Club, the champions of the 'C' Division of the Dr HD Kanga League Cricket tournament also won the Summer Vacation Cricket Shield tournament at Bombay.**



**Karnataka Amateurs Sports Club, won the Karnataka Football League Championship by beating Star of Canara 5-3 at the Karnataka Sporting Centre Bombay.**



**Hanumant Singh, skipper of State Bank receiving the victor's shield from A. Ghosh, Deputy Governor, Reserve Bank of India. SBI won the Sir Benegal Rama Rau Inter Bank Challenge Shield cricket tournament in Bombay.**



**Ashok Kale winner of the Matunga-Dahisar and back cycle race organised by the Maharashtra Cycling Association receiving the Sandesh Trophy from Del Narayan Singh.**



**Arjuman-I-Islam claimed the Harris Shield '82 for the 36th time when they beat Shardashram (marathi) by 232 runs at Bombay recently.**



## POLITICS IN RACING

# Parochialism is the trend

**P**OLITICS in sport have long been derided by most of our senior sportswriters. While fortunately horse racing in India has not as yet been notably politicised the scene is fast developing into a political atmosphere as regional authorities are now thinking and acting more on parochial than on all-India lines and if the trend continues a stage will be reached where the sport will be balkanised on the lines of linguistic chauvinism and local compulsions.

It is common knowledge that most race clubs breed youngsters and that they advance large sums of money at nominal rates of interest if any to their members to purchase youngstock.

That they should restrict the sphere of activity of the animals bred by them as also those bought from money loaned by them to their own racetracks is understandable. What is not is the restrictions placed on other animals.

During the last winter Madras restricted all races except the five South

India Classics and a few other selected ones to horses which raced exclusively in Madras and Bangalore would not accept entries from outstation horses in handicap races.

Both these decisions prevented the frequent movement of animals from one centre to the other as was the case in previous years because of the relative nearness of the two centres.

Of course the ban did not prevent trainer R. H. Byramji's Bangalore-based Almanac from competing in and winning the South India Derby nor did it prevent his Camino from claiming the richest race for the new crop in Madras.

## Damaging

None the less even if the restrictions have little relevance in fact they are damaging in spirit as they are indicative of narrow mindedness which racing was free of all these years.

That this matter came up at the

annual general meeting of the Five Turf Authorities of India shows that the authorities are not unmindful of the damage it can do but that it was not fully discussed and that no decision was taken is most unfortunate as the quicker the rot is stopped the better it will be for the sport.

The rot is most evident in Calcutta which at one time was the epitome of English racing in India. Calcutta's finances are so very bad that in order to get the maximum benefit from offcourse inter venue betting Calcutta's racing is held on Wednesdays and offcourse betting is accepted on week ends when it is more convenient for race goers to attend.

That is not all. Even the Calcutta Derby was a sponsored race and while sponsored races are more than welcome it is unthinkable that the Derby the greatest event of the year is exploited as a form of advertisement. That to do so is scandalous is evidently the thinking of the RWITC for when a tobacco manufacturing company offered to sponsor an Indian Classic in Bombay it was politely told that that was not possible at all and if it so desired it could sponsor any other race.

## Expediency

That is the way it should be but those with long memories will recall that one year the Calcutta 1 000 and 2 000 Guineas races did not qualify as Classics if the term was to be strictly interpreted as penalties for previous wins were made part of the terms of the races. The name of the game in Calcutta is clearly expediency.

It is true that the RWITC is more traditional minded it is also true that their financial condition is a very happy one and they can afford to be so.

Of course they cannot be completely absolved from the charge of petty mindedness as is evident from their approach to where and when horses bred by them can race. Originally such horses had to race exclusively in Bombay and Pune for three years but were permitted to compete in either the Bangalore Fillies Trial or the Colts Trial and the Bangalore Derby in addition to one preparatory race prior to those Classics.

But since Mayapan was taken south by Byramji such stock are not allowed to compete in the Bangalore Summer Classics and have to race exclusively in Western India for years!



"I understand the U.S. Secretary of State is not prepared to intervene in this one!"



**O**N a recent visit to Delhi I found that there is no truth in the stories that are being spread that they are not at all prepared for the holding of the Asian Games later this year and everything is in a chaos

The true facts were given to me by a man constructing a fly over "I know you people have been saying that no fly over has been constructed yet and not a single one will be ready by the time for the start of the games. You can see for yourself, we have almost half completed this fly over

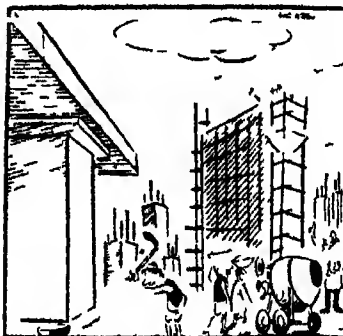
"Yes, I can see that" I said

The worker said "We care for Indian sports as anybody else does. We know how important it is to complete the fly over before the first of the foreign

contingents arrive. And you will not find us dilly dallying"

"I am happy to hear that," I said "What else have you been completing?"

"What else?" the worker said "You mean to say one fly over is not enough! How many fly overs do you want! After all it



is the only Asian Games, not the Olympics"

"Could you give me a rough estimate, a very rough one, as to when the fly over will be ready?" I asked

"Now then let me see," said the worker, shovelling some earth out of the ground "We would like to complete it a month before the opening of the

games. If that is not possible at least three weeks. The idea is that our Indian sportsmen should have time to get acclimatised to the fly over well before the start of the actual competition"

"That is very important," I said

The worker continued "Our engineer has gone to Tokyo to study the fly over there. The gradient of the fly over should be in accordance with the exact specifications required by cities staging Olympic and other international games. We are also, for the first time in India, trying out a new asphalt that was used during the Bangkok games. All in all, it will be an excellent fly over and meet with the approval of all the participants to the games"

"That's nice" I said

The worker said "Though it is not for me to say, I must tell you that the other constructions for the Asiad are also coming along very nicely. I mean, the five star hotels, the new shopping centres, broadening of the roads"

"What about the stadium?" I asked "How are they coming along?"

"What stadium?" said the worker "What do we need stadium for! We are having the Asian Games, not a cricket Test"



**Q** HOW many batsmen have scored a pair on their debut in Tests?  
—Akram Riaz (Lucknow)

**A** SIXTEEN players three from England seven from South Africa four from New Zealand and one each from India and the West Indies have the dubious distinction. They are

England G F Grace in the only Test vs Australia at the Oval in 1880 C I J Smith in the first Test vs West Indies at Bridgetown 1934-35 and G Gooch in the first Test vs Australia at Birmingham in 1975

South Africa C C Wimblesley Only Test vs England at Cape Town 1891-92

J T I Willoughby First Test vs England at Port Elizabeth 1895-96 J J Kotze Second Test vs Australia at Johannesburg 1902-03 P S T Jonas Third Test vs Australia at Cape Town 1902-03, P T Lewis First Test vs England at Durban 1913-14 C D Dixon Third Test vs England at Johannesburg 1913-14, C McCarthy First Test vs England at Durban 1948-49

West Indies A F Valentine First Test vs England at Manchester in 1950

New Zealand K C James First Test vs England Christchurch 1929-30 F T Badcock First Test vs England Christchurch 1929-30 L A Butterfield Only Test vs Australia Wellington 1945-46 C G Rowe Only Test vs Australia Wellington 1945-46

India G S Ramchand First Test vs England at Leeds in 1952

**Q** WHO have scored the maximum runs and claimed the most number of wickets in a Test series?  
—Shrirang Khare (Nagpur-22)

**A** DON BRADMAN scored the maximum runs when he aggregated 974 in five Tests against England in England in 1930. In seven innings he hit up four centuries with 334 as the highest and achieved an average of 139.14. S F Barnes of England has claimed the most wickets 49 in a series. He achieved the feat in only four Tests against Australia in 1913-14. He sent down 1356 balls 56 maidens and

conceded 536 runs for an average of 10.93. He took five or more wickets in an innings seven times and 10 wickets in a match thrice

**Q** WHAT is the breakup of Sunil Gavaskar's 24 Test centuries?  
—Muthu Pandian (Madurai)

**A** TEN against the West Indies four against England, two against New Zealand five against Australia and three against Pakistan

**Q** WHO has scored the fastest century in Tests?  
—Vyomendra D Shah (Bangalore-53)

**A** J M GREGORY of Australia. He took only 70 minutes to gain the distinction in the second Test vs South Africa at Johannesburg in 1921-22

**Q** HAS Bishan Singh Bedi at any time played for the State Bank of India? Does he still play for them?  
—R Kurup (Bombay)

**A** YES Bedi was an employee of the State Bank and has played for them. He is no longer with them

**Q** WHO won the Wightman Cup in its inaugural year?  
—Ramesh Chand Gupta (New Delhi)

**A** THE USA. They beat Great Britain 7-0 at Forest Hills in the inaugural year in 1923



**R**ICARDO DE GUZMAN of the Philippines won the 5th Asian Junior Championship and the Ziaur Rahman Cup at Dacca with 8½/11 and a better tie-break than Bangladesh's 15 year old IM Niaz Murshed B½ Yang Xian (China) 8 and P K Singh (India) 7 finished 3rd and 4th

#### Y XIAN — R GUZMAN

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 a6 4 Ba4 Nf6 5 O-O Be7 6 Re1 b5 7 Bb3 OOB d4 d6 9 c3 Bg4 10 Be3 Re8 11 Nbd2 Bf8 12 h3 Bh5 13 d5 Na5 14 Bc2 c5 15 b4 Nb7 16 g4 Bg6 17 e4 Qc7 18 g5 Nh5 19 Bd3 c4 20 Bf1 Be7 21 Nh4 f6 22 Nxg6 hxg6 23 Be21 Nf4 24 Bxf4 exf4 25 Bg4 f5 26 Be6ch Kh7 27 Qg4 Bf6 28 Nf3 Nd8 29 axb5? Nxe6 30 dxe6 axb5 31 Rxa8 Rxa8 32 Rd1? Qe7 33 h4 gxh4 34 Qxf4 Qe6 35 Rxd6 Qh3 36 Rd1 g5 37 Nxg5 Bxg5 38 Qxg5 Ra8 0-1

8 d4) Ruy Lopez 8 c3 d6 9 h3 is the



By Jimmy Mehta

**I**N THE Butter Pairs Trials in Bombay Arvind Vaidya and Mansur Tyabjee reached an optimistic slam contract on these cards

Q 3 2  
A K 6 4 3  
Q 9 8 4 3  
nil  
8 7 6 N K 10 5  
Q 9 W E 10 8 7 5 2  
K 10 7 6 2 S J 6  
6 5 3 K 4 2  
A J 9 4  
J  
A  
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I never thought you'd pop in just to watch football

most usual line (Closed Defence) 8 c3 d5 9 exd5 Nxd5 10 Nxe5 Nxe5 is Marshall Counter Gambit

Another Variation is 8 e4 Bb7 9 d3 d6 10 Bd2 Nd4 11 Nxd4 axd4 12 c3 (Kremenetzky-Sokolov Moscow 1981)

10 Be3) Karmov-Grabuzov USSR 1980 10 d5 Na4 11 Bc2 c6 12 dxc6 Qc7 13 h3 Bh5 14 e4 Nxc6 15 Bg6 Nd7

15 Nb7) The Knight remains inactive here but after 15 cxb4 16 cxb4 Nc4 17 Nxc4 bxc4 18 Bd2 Black's isolated QBP is weak and White has a potential distant passed Pawn in his Q side Pawn majority

21 f6) The only way to secure freedom from his cramped position

23 Be2) A promising Pawn sacrifice for King side attack The obvious 23 Qg4 could be met by 23 Qc8 and 23 h4 f5 24 hxg5 Rf8 25 Bh3 Nf4 gives Black the better game

29 axb5? More in keeping with his previous energetic play is 29 e5! dxe5 30 Rxe5! Nxe6 (30 Bxe5? 31 Nxg5ch Kh8 32 Qh4 mate) 31 Rxe6 Rxe6 32 dxe6 with favourable complications Te g 32 Bxc3 33 Nxg5ch Kg8 34 Rd1 Rd8 35 Rd7 or 32 Qe7 33 axb5 or 32 Rd8 33 Nxg5ch

32 Rd1? And here 32 Nxg5ch Bxg5 33 Qxg5 or 32 Kg8

W	N	E	S
(Mhatre)	(Mansur)	(Mehta)	(Vaidya)
P	1H	P	2C
P	2D	P	2S
P	2NT	P	6C

Vaidya's unfortunate opponents were Mhatre (West) and myself (East)

Although declarer appears to have two certain black suit losers he can prevail unless the defence is on its toes

Mhatre led the D6 East's knave losing to declarer's Ace Vaidya played the club Ace and another losing to East's King

I now mechanically returned a diamond little realising that I was delivered the contract on a Platter

Vaidya rattled off his trumps squeezing in the majors This was the six card end position

Q 3 2			
A K 6			
nil			
nil			
8 7 6	N	K 10 5	
Q 9	W	E	10 8 7
K	S		nil
nil	A J 9 4		nil
	J		
	nil		
	7		

On the last trump West was out of the picture dummy discarded a spade East likewise had to part with a spade hoping for atleast the nine of spades with his partner Declarer was now home with the aid of a spade finesse

Although Vaidya played the hand well his technique was imperfect As

/33 Nf7 would have still maintained the edge

35 Rxd6? The final mistake, 35 Kg2 had to be played though the chances of holding the position two Pawns down seem remote

38 Ra6! 39 .Rg6 is unmeetable

The following game was played in the Junior National Championship at Dharwad won by Promod Kumar Singh of Bihar with B/9

#### P K SINGH — ARVIND BHAVE

1 e4 d6 2 d4 Nf6 3 Nc3 g6 4 f4 Bg7 5 Nf3 c5 6 dxc5 Qa5 7 Bd3 Qxc5 8 Qe2 O-O 9 Be3 Qa5 10 O-O Nbd7 (better 10 Nc6) 11 Kh1 e5 12 fxe5 Nxe5 13 Nxe5 dxe5 14 Bg5 Nh5 15 Bc4 Nf4 16 Bxf4 exf4 17 Rxf4 Bxc3? (17 Qe5 18 Raf1 Be6 had to be tried) 18 bxc3 Qxc3 19 Rxf7 Rxf7 20 Rf1 Be6 21 Bxe6 Rf8 22 Qf1 Qc7 23 Qxf7ch Qxf7 24 Bxf7ch Kxf7 25 Kg1 and White won

#### END GAME

Last week's ending by V Razumeto L Mitrofanov 1981

White—Kf6 Qa4 Pa6 Black Kh8 Qh7 Ps f5 g2 Win 1 Qe8ch Qg8 2 Qh5ch Qh7 3 Qg5! Qg8 4 Qh6ch Qh7 5 Of8ch Qg8 6 e7! g1 Q 7 Qh6ch Qh7 8 e8Qch Qg8 9 Qxh7ch Kxh7 10 Qh5 mate

he played he needed to find East with both King and 10 of spades whereas had he retained dummy's Queen or diamonds he'd have had a double squeeze going for him as his partner Mansur was quick to point out in the post mortem

This would have been the end position

Q 3			
A K 6			
Q			
nil			
8 7 6	N	K 10 5	
Q 9	W	E	10 8 7
K	S		nil
nil	A J 9 4		nil
	J		
	nil		
	7		

On the last trump West had to discard a heart Dummy discards the spade Queen and East is forced to discard a spade

Dummy's hearts are next crushed squeezing West out of his spade guard With the aid of a finesse declarer's third spade is master irrespective of the spot cards

West has to guard diamonds East has to guard hearts and neither can hang on to more than two spades

Defending against Ashok Rina and Mohan Arora who also were in 6 club Ajit Chakradev in the East seat forced the squeeze and brilliantly returned heart when in with the CQ Declarer now had no chance at all

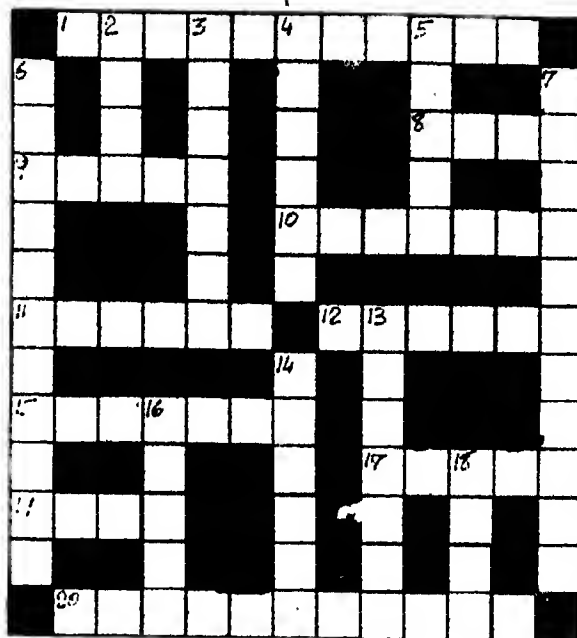
A splendid return by Ajit Chakradev!

## ACROSS

1. Indian hockey trophy starts with an engineering degree (8, 3).
8. Olympic gymnastic champion — Korbut (4).
9. There is — — if you pad the ball intentionally (2, 3).
10. English cricketer returns ending with everyone (7, 7).
11. English cricketer of the last century has an alkaline inbetween (6).
12. Former Indian spinner still amongst the wickets (6).
15. American tennis player who educates (7).
17. Hockey is now played on this turf (5).
19. Governs athletics in the country (1, 1, 1, 1).
20. Indian cricketer is a government in the end (1, 10).

## DOWN

2. Jockey gets this coming up (4).
3. He performs on the parallel bars (7).
4. Swimmers take this turn for speed (6).
5. When will the Indian hockey this have a silver lining (5).
6. First Chinese to win the men's singles title at the World Table Tennis Championships ends with an article (4, 3-4).
7. Tennis star who was initially in exile (11).
13. At the 1956 Olympic Games Connolly-Fikotava was a sports — coming up (7).



14. One who — hard wins (6).
16. Dashing batsman — Lloyd (5).
18. Double thanks for the firm that encourages sports (4).

*How much do you know?*



1. In gymnastics, is an assistant allowed during floor exercises?
2. To ease muscle strain, can a wrestler have an oil massage just before the bout?
3. What is the penalty if a volleyball team has served out of order?
4. After a weightlifter has made a lift at the weight announced, can the bar be reduced to a lighter weight?
5. Is the width of the line marking the football penalty area included in the penalty area?

6. How many pieces are there on a chessboard?
7. At the beginning of each hand, in squash, the server shall serve from which box?

## ANSWERS

1. No. 2. No. Coating the body with greasy or sticky substances is forbidden.
3. The team loses the serve and any points gained during such serving.
4. No. 5. Yes. 6. 16 white and 16 black.
7. He may serve from either box.

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# MAIL BAG

## Be a sport, Borg

**I**T is really ridiculous on the part of Bjorn Borg to ask direct entry in French and Wimbledon Open tournaments just because he has won those tournaments six and five times respectively!

If you break the rules for one individual then there will be nothing but chaos everywhere

Borg has declined to accept this offer. This is indeed a very sad decision on his part



This controversy has brought out one thing—that the game is far more greater than the player, and everybody has to honour and respect the rules

Come on, Borg, accept these rules and make your fans all over the world happy. We are still looking for yet another encore of the tremendous tennis you and McEnroe display at Wimbledon and everywhere

Sunil Desai  
(Koliwada, Bombay 37)

## Sunil, we can't swallow it!

**I** WAS Sunil Gavaskar's fan until I read his critical piece in SW April 25 in which he had shamefully defended the Indian cricketers who had gone to Sharjah and himself!

I was very furious at the way he attacked Vengsarkar (indirectly of course). And come to think of it even Gavaskar did not know what he was writing because in one para he says 'All the players who were there have a lot of sympathy for what happened to Dilip and they thought at this stage they should also not enter the country and return

While later on he says 'Team spirit comes in if every single member who was there believed that Vengsarkar had done

no wrong. Obviously everyone over there did not think so and some had reservations and therefore nobody decided to come back

Now come on Sunil, what we have to believe? After reading that gutsy bare all tell all critical by Trevor Manuel our cricketing champion was surely scared to death that's why he performed one of the most shameful acts of his life by accusing Trevor Manuel for taking money for that once in a life time exposure of Gavaskar and Co. in that great article (SW April 11)

Vikram B. Vakil  
(Surat)

## There's no short-cut to physical fitness

**T**HE glaring ignorance of our sports administration towards sports medicine and other sports sciences is well reflected in the performance of our national teams in international competitions

The administrators do not believe in the importance of subjecting their sportsmen to a thorough medical check up to assess their physical, physiological and psychological fitness before they are selected for gruelling international competitions

As an exception the Cricket Control Board of India subjects the selected cricketers to a medical check up before they take off on an overseas tour (strangely not before a home series). But it is rather shocking to find the Board forcing the cricketers to attend a short conditioning camp prior to such overseas tours (again not before a home series!)

This time it is a sports administrator who has been entrusted the responsibility of toning up the muscles and to improve the endurance of the cricketers in 10 days time before their tour to Blighty. Previously it was a gymnast who conditioned the teams for overseas tours. Where are our sports medicine doctors, sports scientists and physiotherapists?

The short conditioning camps like the

recent one held at Bangalore are harmful to the cricketers for the simple reason that they do not find enough time to keep up the exercises during their busy, strenuous tour. Thus during the tour, the 'deconditioning' effects of the previous camp set in and this will have a disastrous effect on their physical fitness and performance

They become more susceptible to aches, sprains and strains, their reflexes slow down and thus they become more prone to injuries. Scanning the records, it is easy to find that the cricketers on an overseas tour after such short camps had suffered enough fitness problems compared to home series where one hardly finds any of them missing a match due to such problems

The conditioning camps of the present nature are the babies of ill advised and ill conceived ideas. They remind one of sex clinics which claim to increase potency with one injection

Scrap these mini camps. There is no such short cut to physical fitness. Do it scientifically

Major (Dr) PSM Chandran  
(Indian Association of Sports Medicine,  
New Delhi 11)

## Soccer gains momentum

**I**T is quite encouraging to note that football players are shortly gaining prominence like cricketers in India. Highly talented players can make their own demands and live happily on their rewards and talents for a long time to come

Every year keen interest is envisaged during the months of March/April during the football transfers, where promising players and players who have already established themselves are capoled and bribed to make their entry into the respective clubs

Sometimes too much of cricket does make sport in our country a one game

monopoly especially with all the inighting and favouritism

B N Bose,  
(TELCO Jamshedpur 4)

## Bystander silent?

**I** WAS surprised that Bystander has not yet commented on the boorish behaviour of Punjab Police in the recently concluded Bombay Gold Cup Hockey tournament

These lawkeepers always misbehave just because they have a lot of current and past internationals in their side and surprisingly they get away scot free

It was also shocking to see the selector Raj Kumar running onto the field and taking part in the physical assault on umpire Reggie Alphonso of Bombay, capping the poking and prodding with sticks by Sodhi, Guimail, Devidar and Kuldip Singh

For gross indiscipline these players should be suspended

Ashish Trehan  
(Colaba, Bombay 5)

## Back-door entrant

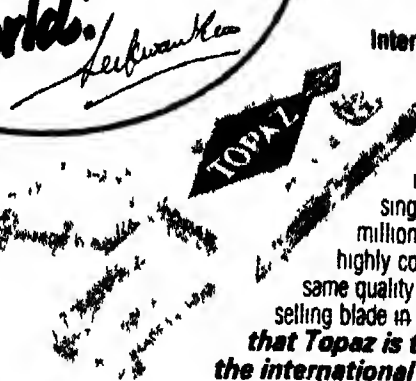
**B**YSTANDER's article (SW April 18) was not enlightening. He has criticised Mohinder Amarnath very severely. The article does not try to justify the bowling ability of Mohinder. Even though his batting has not come upto standards (this I feel was rectified with his superb innings in the Ranji Trophy final) he is definitely a better batsman than the back-door entrant Suru Nayak

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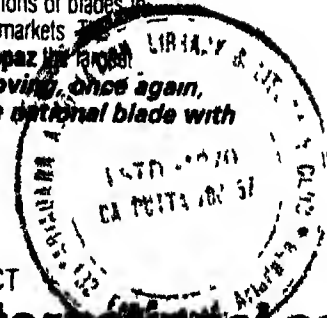
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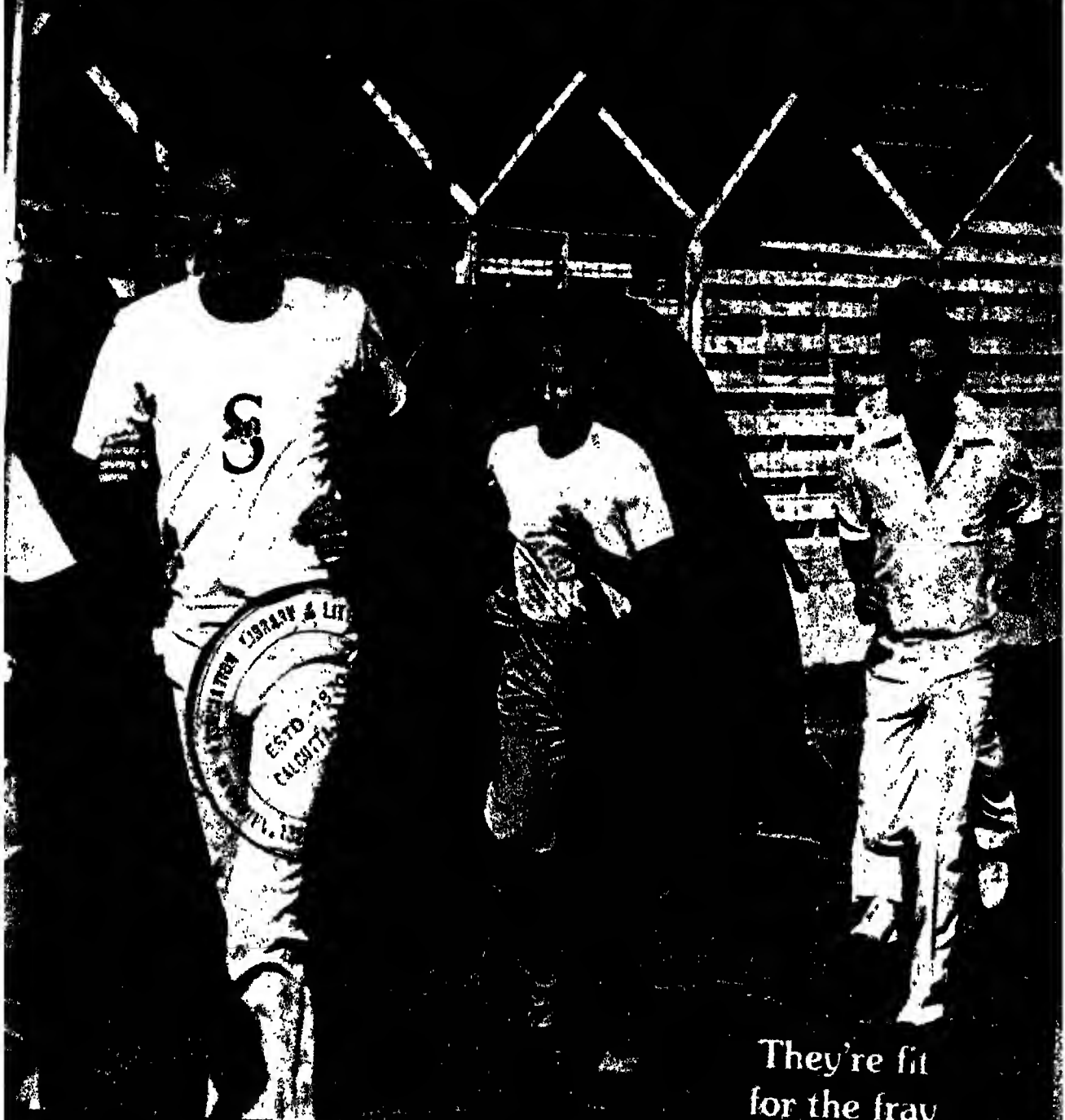
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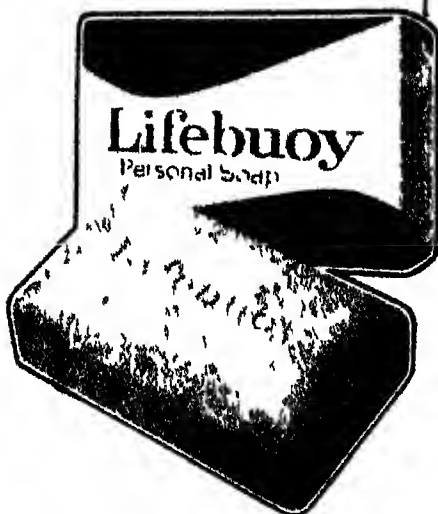
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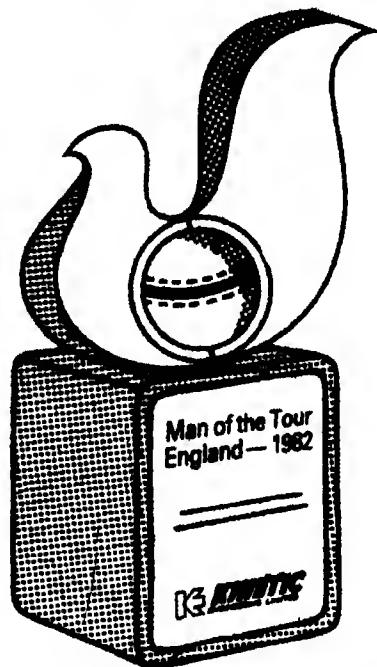


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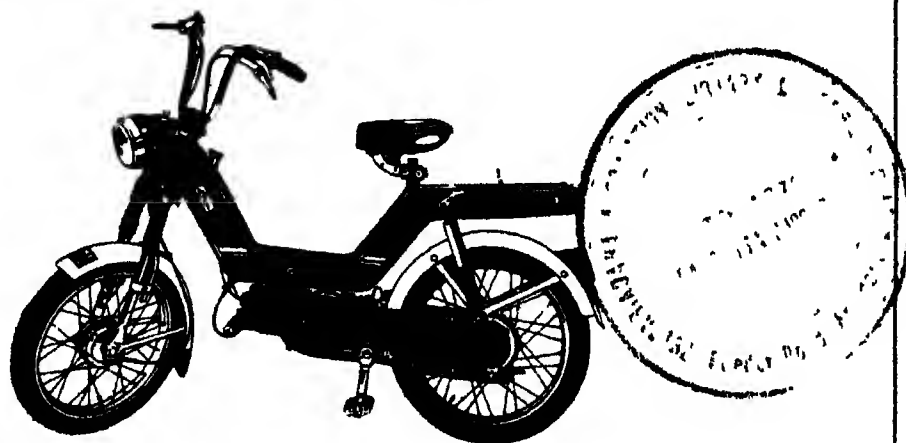
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The present party looks to me to be as well balanced as any that India has ever sent to England, because the side has the traditional strength of spin bowling...writes Henry Blofeld on the Indian team now in Blightly...p 6.

The members of the Indian team were in good spirits as they assembled in Bombay, three days before their departure to England for a summer tour. Sharad Kotnis writes...p 11.

We returned home from England, tired and stale after a surfeit of cricket, but were in time for the domestic season in our country...writes Vijay Hazare in his book A Long Innings, a SPORTSWEEK serial...p 19

Mohun Bagan achieved some sort of a hat-trick in the Federation Cup football tournament when they beat Mafatlal by a solitary goal in a not-so-exciting final.

A review by our SPORTSWEEK correspondent in Kozhikode...p 27

Never has any sport taken as much time and attention all over the world as soccer does, and today it is the most untivalled sport. A flash back on how the World Cup soccer bagged: A SPORTSWEEK special...p 30

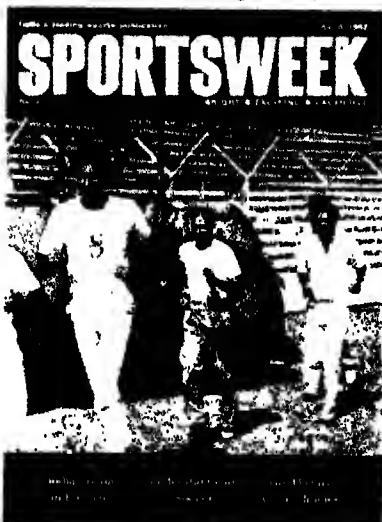
Indonesia must be making frantic efforts to regain lost prestige and a chance to do that will come in a fortnight's time when they will in all probability meet China in the finals. Shirish Nandkarni previews the Thomas Cup '82 finals. p 34

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## Cover

If practice makes man perfect in the various disciplines of life, training and physical conditioning camps for



sportsmen before embarking on a venture can do a world of good insofar as keeping the body trimmed which ultimately reflect on the individuals' performance in any competitive event.

Holding physical conditioning camps for cricketers in the past was not in practice, but soon the Board of Control for Cricket in India realised the importance of fitness in today's world of survival and started conducting such camps before the commencement of any away series.

If one notices the performances of the Indian cricket team, since the first camp was held, there has been a significant improvement without major injuries.

In the recently concluded camp at Bangalore prior to the departure of the Indian team to England the players were found more enthusiastic than the previous ones and as the captain revealed later, the camp toned up quite a few of the muscles that were slackening a bit.

Transparency: Neelkant Sharma

# Six top tennis men may give Wimbledon a miss

— By Barry Newcombe —

**J**OHN McENROE left Wimbledon last year as a tarnished champion. This year the man who was fined within minutes of his first title could be welcomed back as the lone star hero as the doubts over the quality of the Wimbledon entry grow and grow.

May 10 is the first critical date in establishing the Wimbledon field. It is the 42 day cut off point by which the men have to enter or take their chance on being given a wild card into the 128 strong draw.

Normally the top players can be taken for granted. Perhaps one or two will be missing from the top 20 but rarely has it been more than that since open tennis started in 1968 with the exceptions of 1972 and 1973 when politics badly hit the entry.

But as the count down continues Wimbledon has to face the fact that six out of the top 10 have varying degrees of uncertainty about competing.

Two men who have publicly ruled themselves out are Bjorn Borg who has played in the last six finals and won five and Elliot Teltscher.

Borg has taken his stand against the



*Jimmy Connors thinks it is not worth playing if many of the top players are absent*

rules of the Grand Prix which insist he qualifies Teltscher the world No 8 a Californian who thinks Wimbledon is

run by stuffy people and should not be played on grass will not enter either.

Two in serious doubt are the world's fourth and fifth players, Guillermo Vilas and Jose Luis Clerc both from Argentina who think that because of the Falkland Islands situation, they will be stopped from coming or advised that their appearance would be unwise.

Then there is Ivan Lendl, the 27-year old Czech conundrum who is leaving his decision on Wimbledon until two weeks before the Championships start. This piece of brinkmanship comes from a man who was beaten in the first round last year after preparing poorly.

Lendl ranks second in the world at the moment but in the eyes of all players except McEnroe he is the best. Before you can put him up there he has to win the big ones says McEnroe, who was beaten by Lendl for the fourth time in a row in the WCT final here.

Wimbledon without Lendl would not be a tragedy but would be a sad reflection of the indifference to the game's greatest Championship which can now be found among some of the leading and many of the lesser players. They no longer need Wimbledon as much as they did before.

The sixth possible absentee is the 1974 champion Jimmy Connors, runner up in 1977 and 1978 and the man who led Borg by two sets to love in the semifinals last year. Connors the ultimate competitor was saying in Las Vegas a few days ago that it would not be worth playing if many of the top players were absent.

If six out of the top 10 did not play the field would be opened up because players like the black American Chip Hooper, Britain's No 1, Buster Mottram and the tall left hander from Ecuador Andres Gomez would find themselves seeded.

McEnroe is an ardent traditionalist which is why there was never any serious concern that he would not defend despite the frosty atmosphere between him and Wimbledon which ought to be repaired by the efforts of both sides.

Wimbledon is something that stands on its own he says. What's best for the game now are tournaments where everyone plays. But if I win it with a few guys missing I'm not going to say it was lousy to win.



*Ivan Lendl: Wimbledon without him, would be a sad reflection of the indifference to the game's greatest Championship*

# Advantage, India

**S**UNIL GAVASKAR's side arrived in England on Friday with an excellent chance of becoming only the second Indian side ever to win a series in England. In the turmoil after the recent private tour to South Africa, English cricket is in a state of disarray.

While Gavaskar's party is highly experienced being full of established players, England are looking for two new openers, at least one spinner and a new captain at the same time. Perhaps the most crucial factor for any Indian touring side in England is the weather and in 1971 when Bishan Bedi, Chandrasekhar and Company won the series for Ajit Wadekar it was a fine summer.

The long range indications which the

well balanced as any India has ever sent to England. The batting has depth, the bowling is varied without the usual heavy reliance of an Indian attack on their spinners. It is also a side which has a good blend of young and experienced players.

Of course much will depend on the three leading players: Gavaskar himself, Viswanath and Kapil Dev, but they are three of the best in the world and are sure to contribute handsomely.

One of the most fascinating aspects of the summer will be the comparison between Kapil Dev, Ian Botham and Imran Khan who are surely the world's three most formidable all-rounders.

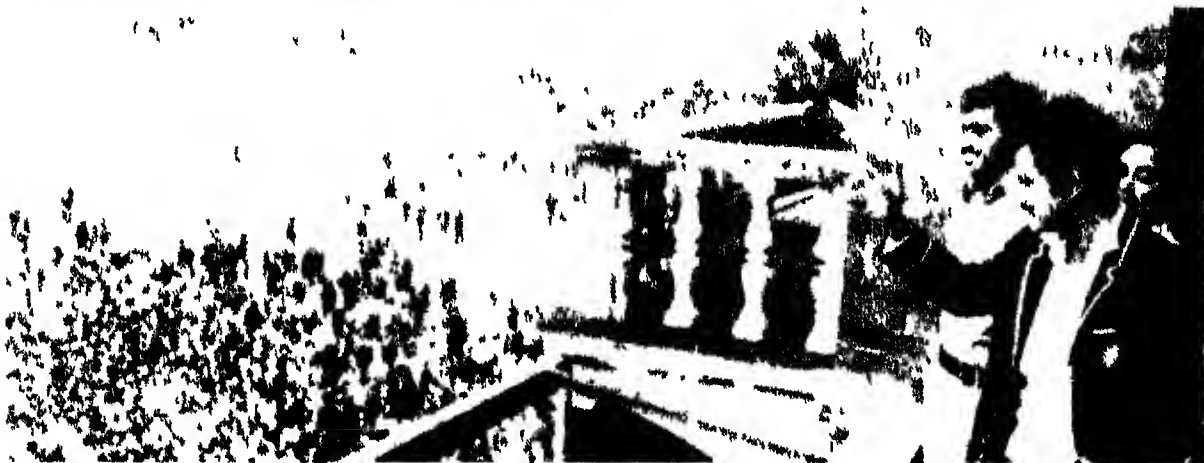
Whatever the final line-up for the Test

Bedi for he is almost as good as a bowler.

He has two competent spinners in support in Yedav and Shastri and if the pitches start to turn they will give India an important advantage, especially as both John Emburey and Derek Underwood have ruled themselves out of contention by going to South Africa.

India are usually weak in the seam bowling department which, if it is a wet summer, is the most crucial in England, but this time they have Kapil Dev and Madan Lal backed by Randhir Singh and Suru Nayak.

In is the all-rounders, Kapil Dev, Nayak and Shastri which give India its strength for they have given the selectors so more options in choosing



*Great day for Indian cricket: Wadekar, Chandrasekhar and Sardesai on the winners' balcony after India's historic win at the Oval in 1971.*

weather forecasters have so far given are that 1982 will also be a fine summer although perhaps India is at a slight disadvantage by coming over in the first part of the season.

I remember when I was in India with Mike Smith's MCC side in 1963-64 Gubby Allen and Billy Griffiths, president and secretary of the MCC, came over to try and sell the Indian Board of Control the idea of double tours.

For some reason the Indian Board agreed provided that they should be the first side to come over when sharing a summer in England with Pakistan. I am not certain that decision has worked to their advantage.

The present party looks to me to be as

matches, a batting side picked from such players as Gavaskar, Viswanath, Vengsarkar, Sandeep Patil, Yashpal Sharma, Malhotra and Roy should never be short of runs.

At the same time they will surely provide English crowds with some grand entertainment for most of them are extremely attractive stroke makers.

The side has India's traditional strength of spin bowling and I believe especially if it is a dry summer that Dilip Doshi will have a great part to play in the series.

He is the finest left-arm spinner in the world and will, I believe, cause the England batsmen great problems. Doshi is in every sense a worthy successor to

the side.

Another considerable all-rounder is Syed Kirmani, who I believe to be the best wicketkeeper in the world. He will not only pick up important wickets for the bowlers but is also no mean batsman and in a crisis can be as obdurate as West Indian Derryck Murray used to be in similar circumstances.

Finally it is a measure of India's strength that reserve wicketkeeper Parker put on over 400 with Gavaskar at the end of February for Bombay in their Ranji Trophy match against Bengal.

Before a ball has been bowled or an injury sustained I would like this side to beat England this summer.

# Lamb could jeopardise tour

**PETER MAY** England's new chair man of selectors said at a press conference that Alan Lamb the South African born player was one of the players he would be having a close look at this season. This clearly means that he would be picked if his form warranted it.

On their arrival here the Indian team manager Raj Singh said that as far as his players were concerned the

selection of Lamb would not come in the way of their playing cricket.

Obviously he was not speaking on behalf of the Indian government but I am sure that this is a set of circumstances the Indian Board and government will have anticipated before the team left India.

Personally I find this quite extraordinary in view of all the recent problems there have been over South Africa. I am sure that Lamb would have opted to play for South Africa if that country could play Test cricket. England is his second choice.

If South Africa were playing Test cricket there is no way in which he would prefer to play for England instead. I do not approve of South Africans being allowed to choose this back way into Test cricket.

I do not agree with the choice of Barbados born Roland Butcher being selected for England but there was nothing racial about my feeling. Butcher would never have stood a chance in Clive Lloyd's side. That is why I want to see England play a team of Englishmen and not a team of second preference Englishmen.

Basil D Oliveira most decidedly did not come into this category for South Africa's racial laws meant that he did not have a country of his own for whom he could play and even then he had to fulfil his residential qualification in England.

As time goes on more and more second choice South Africans will probably become technically available for England. If so Lamb's selection will be a distinctly dangerous precedent.

I may be exceedingly naive but if Geoff Boycott and Geoff Cook's recent



*Raj Singh, the Indian manager has no reservations of Lamb playing for England*

visits to South Africa almost caused England's recent tour of India to be cancelled and the recent rebel tour by Boycott and company almost caused the cancellation of this one. It seems paradoxical if not hypocritical that the Indians can play against an England team with a South African in it.

It may be of course that in spite of Peter May's words that the England selectors will not pick him and although as I say I have nothing against Lamb himself I hope they do not. That could throw everything into the melting pot once more.

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*Alan Lamb his selection will be a distinctly dangerous precedent*

## Playing conditions for Indian tour of England

**T**HE Board of Control for Cricket in India at its special general meeting in Bombay decided to agree to all but two of the playing conditions suggested by the Test and County Cricket Board for the tour of England by India's cricket team.

The TCCB had suggested a minimum per-hour over rate of 16.25 and a minimum of 100 overs per six-hour day. But the Indian Board is agreeable to a limit of only 15 overs per hour.

The Indian Board also did not agree to TCCB's suggestion of imposing financial penalties for the side bowling less than the prescribed overs. Instead the Indian Board has suggested a penalty of four runs per over short of the minimum stipulated.

No substitutes will be permitted for fielding side when players going in for change of shirt or rub down etc., but

substitutes will be permitted only in case of injuries etc.

It was agreed that not more than one bumper per over is permissible. If a bowler contravenes this rule he shall be first no balled on the second occasion he will be warned and on the third violation of the rule the umpires shall order the fielding skipper to take him off. The bowler concerned may not bowl again in that innings. At every step the umpires will keep the rival skippers informed of the action taken against the erring bowlers.

The Board also decided that no player shall be permitted to take his wife during the first part of the tour and even after only with the permission of the Board. Players seeking to have their wives during the later part of the tour must seek permission of the Board through the manager.

The Board also decided that a player who violates four conditions will lose

half of his tour allowance that is Rs 15,000. A player as also manager and second official will be paid Rs 30,000 each for the tour—Rs 10,000 at the start, Rs 5,000 at the conclusion of the tour and the remaining Rs 15,000 after the manager gives the player concerned a clean bill.

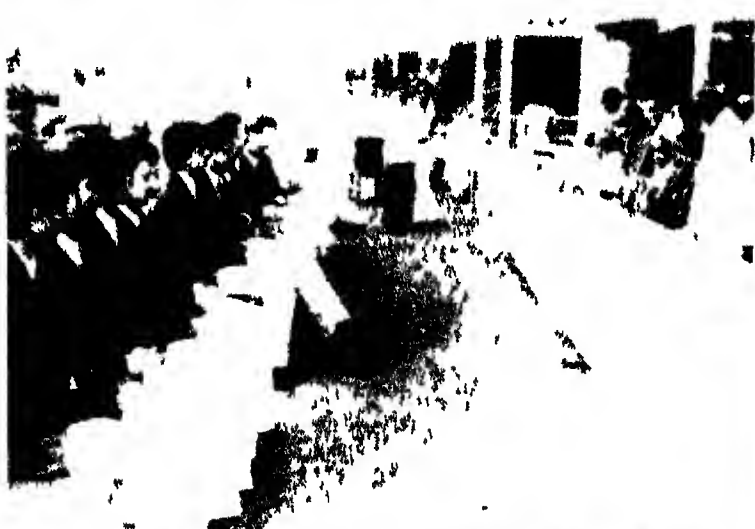
Each player, manager and second official £18 per day for 76 days for personal expenses like lunch, dinner and laundry. £1,000 each to the manager and skipper and £500 to the second official towards entertainment expenses and £500 towards secretariat expenses—stamps, cables etc.

Besides the Board will meet all travel and medical expenses.

All prize monies except those in the nature of personal gifts are expected to be brought back to India in foreign exchange and shared by the entire team in Indian currency at the end of the tour.



## Off to Old Blighty



Cricket Board president S.K. Wankhede speaking at a function organised by the Bombay Cricket Association to felicitate the England-bound Indian cricketers



After his successful come-back trail in the home series, the scene of action for Madan Lal will now shift to Lords on June 10, where he will open the attack with Kapil Dev

### PICS ANTHONY AZAVEDO



Suru Nayak's selection drew widespread criticism, and almost caused a vertical split in the cricket board, but the Bombay southpaw is determined to prove his critics wrong



Sandeep Patil, Pranob Roy and Surendra Nayak listen avidly to a bit of advice from Vijay Merchant, former India opener and past chairman of the national selection committee



*A tete-a-tete between the make-shift wicket-keeper Ghulam Parkar and Syed Kirmani at the BCA lawns*



*Sixer boy Salim Durrani has a chat with deputy skipper G.R. Viswanath, Yashpal Sharma and Shival Yadav*



*A round-table conference during the Board of Control for Cricket in India hosted dinner at the Oberoi Towers, Bombay*

## Off to Old Blighty



*All the Bombay men from left: Ravi Shastri, Dilip Vengsarkar, Surendra Navak, Ghulam Parkar, manager Rajsingh Dungarpur, BCA Jt. secretary V.B. Prabhudesai, skipper Sunil Gavaskar and Sandeep Patil*



*Skipper Sunil Gavaskar and manager Rajsingh at a press conference, on the eve of the Indian team's departure to England*

# They're rarin' to go

— By Sharad Kotnis —

**T**HE members of the Indian cricket team were in good spirits as they assembled in Bombay, three days before their departure to England for the summer tour which they share with Pakistan.

The time was spent in keeping ready the travel documents, getting kitted the flannels and the dresses, attending team meetings, board briefings and felicitations and receptions.

Despite the criticism towards some of the members of the team as per the campaign launched by three Cricket Board members from North, the players were cheerful and appeared to be full of confidence.

Former Indis skipper Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi and former chairman of the selection committee, Vijay Merchant lashed out at those who criticised the selection of the Indian team. The former was presiding over the function organised by the Bombay Cricket Association to felicitate players for the tour of England. He pointed out that hardly any selection of a team anywhere in the world gets full approval, but the manner in which the selection of the present team was condemned by responsible Board officials was amazing.

Vijay Merchant advised the young



*Ravi Shastri...whiling away time before departure by leafing through a mag*

side not to be bothered about the propaganda carried about by the egrieved. He stated that victorious sides in the past had made errors, but these were forgotten because the teams triumphed. He told them, "Watch the ball, be patient and don't worry about wet wickets."

Vijay Merchant said that the team

was lucky to have a great captain in Sunil Gavaskar, an experienced vice-captain in G.R. Viswanath and an amiable manager in Raj Singh, who has a knowledge of English conditions.

He advised Gurendra Nayak and Ghulam Parker who were the targets of criticism to concentrate on their game and he was confident that the pair would justify their inclusion.

The Cricket Board's reception the same night at Oberoi was a grand and glittering affair. Everyone who matters and is associated with the game was there to wish the team well. It was a truly great send-off.

With so many veterans around there was plenty of advice particularly for the young who were making the tour for the first time. Dilip Sardesai, Salim Durrani, Hanuman Singh, Polly Umrigar and Eknath Solkar had plenty to say about the English conditions to the young hopefuls.

It was nice to see the cricketers dressed in immaculate style, courtesy: Blow Plasts Ltd.

The speeches made on the occasion by the Cricket Board president S.K.

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*Kapil Dev and Shival Yadav...discussing attacking tactics for the Tests ahead?*

## Blow Plast bonus

**A**T the farewell function arranged by the Cricket Board to wish the Indian cricket team bon voyage, at Oberoi Towers last week, Mr. Dilip Piramal of Blow Plast received handsome praise from all quarters. He was, in a way, responsible for the smart turn-out of the Indian team in immaculate clothing.

The makers of VIP luggage have sponsored the complete kit, including all the clothing items required by the players on the tour of England. The clothing includes, blazers, sweaters, flannels, ceremonial dresses.

In addition, each member of the team has also been provided with a VIP suitcase and a special deluxe kit bag.

Blow Plast have also offered a cash bonus to the Indian team of Rs. 25,000 for winning a Test and overall Rs. one lakh for winning the series.

The kitting of the team is a major expense of the tour and the Cricket Board has thus saved a large slice of expenditure on this account. Even the dinner function was hosted by Blow Plast.

# Competition should gear 'em up

**S**UNIL GAVASKAR, making his fourth official tour of England, but first as a captain, was confident that his team would do well.

The captain, who, if he runs into form on this tour is nearing quite a few landmarks, said that his players were cheerful and full of confidence.

Apart from the criticism at the selection of the team in some quarters, there has been no uncertainty hanging over the heads of the team members and elaborating it, he pointed out that in 1979, there had been a change of captaincy and the Packer issue was also a source of worry. Because of this nobody knew where he stood. This time, with a settled team, he was expecting good results.

Another reason advanced by him for good results was that there was keen competition for almost all places and this would work to the advantage of the team.

Gavaskar hoped that the weather would be good and warm to suit the players. He did not agree with the general opinion that the England team would be weak with the absence of the rebel players. He added that the English side would be a strong one particularly because the conditions were in favour of the home team.

The wet wickets, Gavaskar said



*Something in common...Surendra Nayak, Randhir Singh and Ghulam Parkar—all making their first tour as India players*

should not pose any problems because they would be covered.

Gavaskar said that during the Bangalore camp, Yashpal Sharma and Ghulam Parkar had sufficient wicket keeping practice so that either can relieve Kirmani.

The skipper was not at all bothered

about criticism in the English press. Let them continue where they left in our country in February last. "We are going to play as the game ought to be played in 1982. We will try to win and if we can't, we will see that we don't lose," he stated.

"We have six matches before the first Test and if the weather is fine, we will have ample opportunities to give chances to the main set of players. There may be a few, as often happens on a short tour like this, who may not get many opportunities and might have to cool their heels on the sidelines...But even such players can contribute to the success of the team in their own way," he added.

There would be no problems as far as the playing conditions are concerned. None of the conditions are detrimental to our interests—the overrate, field restrictions, bowling of bumpers and substitution, Gavaskar said.

The food will definitely cause some problems, he said as most of the time it will be frozen and hence insipid, the vegetarians amongst us and there are at least four, will be the real sufferers.

Manager Raj Singh Dungarpur assured that he would be able to keep close liaison with the press. He would be visiting the press box at tea intervals everyday and if need be at the close of play to keep the pressmen informed about the happenings in the dressing room. "In this respect, I am proud to be a thorough professional as captain and my task would be greatly simplified," he said.

**SHARAD KOTNIS**

### *They're rarin' to go*

Wankhede and secretary A.W. Kanmalkar expressed sentiments against the outbursts of the dissidents who had raised their voice against certain selections and placed them in their proper places. They advocated that there is no place in sports for those who want to introduce politics.

Manager Raj Singh Dungarpur was proud to be associated with this young side about whose team spirit he had no reservations. This visit would mark the completion of 50 years of Test cricket between India and England. He referred to the first ever Indian side to England in 1932 which included the immortal C.K. Nayudu and fifty years hence there is another great opening batsman leading the side to maintain the tradition.

As usual, Gavaskar was confident and optimistic about his side's chances, given a fair share of luck from the fickle weather and toss, which he said he was in the habit of losing nowadays. He made a humorous reference to those in the side who could sing and act and a right-hander who could bat left-handed. While complimenting Mr. Dilip Pirmal

for his generous gesture in kitting the team, he reminded the players that M/s Blow Plasts expect them to bring the bags back full of runs or wickets.

The last day before the departure was spent at the Cricket Board office, signing the tour contracts and attending to last-minute travel regulations. The team assembled at Centaur Hotel where friends, relations and officials bid them farewell. The team then left for the airport where they were undisturbed and had some time to themselves before they completed the formalities.

A last minute development was a legal notice served to Dilip Vengsarkar by A.H. Wheeler and Co. distributors of Symonds cricketing gear, in the event of his carrying out his threat not to use Symonds gear on the tour according to the terms of the contract which runs upto the end of July 1982.

A Symonds official regretted the tendency of some of the players to take their contracts lightly and bargain for better terms on the eve of the tour. Seven members of the team are under contracts to Symonds.



# No Dos and Don'ts on players

ON the eve of the Indian cricket team's tour to Blighty skipper Sunil Gavaskar and manager Raj Singh Dungarpur struck optimistic notes during the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town at the Taj Mahal Hotel, Bombay.

In an elaborate and exhaustive

in England after their 1-0 win in the home series recently

Commenting on the balance of the team, the skipper stated, that with four new ball bowlers, three spinners and nine solid batsmen, his side was well balanced.

The manager, Raj Singh also held the



Skipper Sunil Gavaskar driving home a point while addressing the weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Bombay Mid-Town. The others from left are, Khalid Ansari, past president of the club, manager Raj Singh Dungarpur and president Dilip Pirmal

discussion moderated by Khalid Ansari, past president of the club, Sunil Gavaskar said that the prospects of returning home with honours was pretty good and added that the boys were now determined to beat England

same view and said "Those who are challenging the wisdom of the selection committee are only trying to baffle themselves"

Referring to the selection of Ghulam

## Butcher, least impressive

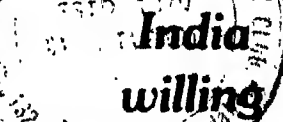
BOTH Peter May, chairman of the Test selectors in his first year, and his predecessor Alec Bedser were present at the opening match of the cricket season at Lord's between the MCC and Notts. Neither had a great deal to enthuse about on a cold and cheerless day.

MCC won the toss and decided to bat. This undoubtedly pleased May and Bedser for it gave them an early opportunity of seeing one or two players in contention for places in the Test side this summer

With both Graham Gooch and Geoff Boycott out of the reckoning because of the regrettable ban imposed upon them for playing in South Africa last winter, an impressive start by Geoff Cook and Alan Butcher would have given them an early advantage for recognition

Butcher was the least impressive of the two on a very good batting wicket. The ball rarely hit the middle of his bat but he did put Nigel Illingworth for a fierce six just backward of square-leg

DENIS COMPTON



INDIA'S cricketers are willing to play against South African Allan Lamb if he is picked for England this summer.

That was made clear by manager Raj Singh when the tourists arrived in London last Friday

"It is for Peter May and his colleagues to select who they want—we are here to play cricket," said Raj Singh

But he was unable to give assurances on the position of the Indian Government

The cricket Boards of the two countries have been in touch. I don't think cessation of the tour would arise, but we have to act on any directive from the Indian Government," he admitted.

Prolific run-getter Sunil Gavaskar, making his fourth tour here, but his first as captain promised brighter cricket than when India beat England 1-0 during the winter.

"We are committed to 96 overs a day if the Test regulations and we hope to make that 100," he said

PETER TOZER

Parker and Surendra Nayak, the manager stated that the two are extremely good fielders and should give sharpness to our bowling which has not that much penetration compared to the indepth batting line-up. The two players' selection was the outcome of sound deliberation by the selection committee, said Raj Singh.

On being asked if the new-look England team, consequent to the ban on players with South African connection, will play a significant role on the outcome of the series, skipper Gavaskar said that it would be difficult for England to win. But the newcomers have the advantage of knowing the conditions, wickets and the experience of playing at home, Gavaskar added.

On the problems that will be faced on the tour of England, Gavaskar laid more emphasis on the vagaries of nature, besides wet wickets and the tough opposition from county sides.

Asked if any restrictions would be imposed on the players, Raj Singh said that he really does not believe demarcating do's and don'ts and was convinced of the players' seriousness to the game of cricket. To which the cricket Board president S.K. Wankhede agreed and said "The present Indian team is a well behaved lot."

Finally when asked about umpiring in England, the manager averred that the Indian cricketers hold the English umpires in high esteem, for they are still considered to be the best in the world.

Mr. Sudhir Patkar proposed a vote of thanks.

## Festival cricket in China

CHINA will be on the world cricket map again. A festival to create interest in cricket in China, where the game has not been played for 33 years, will be held in November-December, 1982.

Keith Sillett, an Australian cricket enthusiast and a travel industry consultant said the government of the Peoples Republic of China has formally approved the plans for such festival.

The convention on cricket will also entail a series of matches in Peking, Shanghai and Canton, involving former top cricketers from Test playing countries as well as minor cricketing countries.

At least 800 delegates and players from 80 countries are expected to attend the festivities.

RAVI CHATURVEDI

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The main stadium complex covers 41.27 hectares of what used to be barren land—now the spot is beautifully landscaped and planted with 8,000 trees.

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## £ 70,000 lure to top stars

**T**HE world's best known tennis stars are being offered under the table fees of over £70,000 each just to take part in at least seven tournaments on the Grand Prix circuit, it was claimed last week.

Big money inducements have been offered to Bjorn Borg, John McEnroe and Ivan Lendl—sums of £56,000 are said to have been promised to Jimmy Connors and Vitas Gerulaitis.

Such appearance fees, according to a front page report in the Washington Post, enable the players to be selective about which tournaments to enter.

The financial carrots are also prohibited under Grand Prix rules which do not prohibit endorsements for players.

The Post, quoting a highly placed tennis source, said the practice of appearance fees is now widespread in Europe.

John Harris, chairman of the D.C. National Bank Tennis Classic, claimed there are some players who ask for guarantees.

He said one European tournament gives a free car and £28,000 to each top player who in turn can sell the car within two weeks.

Marshall Hepper, administrator of the Men's International Professional Tennis Council, said: "A lot of people do



*Bjorn Borg offered big money*

not understand what is or isn't a guarantee, but any time we get information that suggests guarantees we do an investigation.

Hepper said his office thinks the players

may have violated the guarantee code.

According to the council, the tournament and player can be fined for violations, and the tournament can be dropped from the Grand Prix circuit.

Hepper added: "We do not have rules against players making money by making store appearances, for example, or playing in a pro-am."

"But the guarantee rule is to prohibit payment for them just to appear."

None of the players in question was available for comment yesterday.

Bob Kain, who represents Borg, Connors and Gerulaitis, said: "Are those the only players you've ever heard those rumours about?"

"I've heard things about every player."

"How do you separate the two?"

Jerry Solomo, who represents Lendl, said the concept of appearance fees is sometimes misinterpreted.

"If a player has an agreement with a company to do a certain number of appearances in a year and if some of those appearances happen to fall during the week of a tournament sponsored by that company, does that mean the player is receiving an appearance fee which is against Grand Prix rules or is it a legitimate fee [from the company]?"

PHILIP FINN

## Lendl claims No. 1 spot

**I**VAN LENDL, 22-year-old Czech wizard, can now claim to be the world's greatest tennis player.

Lendl beat Wimbledon champion John McEnroe 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 in the World Championship Tennis final in Dallas—a win that earned him a record pay out of £84,000.

And McEnroe was so outplayed that he landed on his back several times.

Once he slipped and ended up with his face in a pot of court-side chrysanthemums. Another time a Lendl shot hit him in the chest.

Now Lendl has produced this staggering catalogue of recent success:

- Four victories in a row over McEnroe
- Seventy-eight wins in his last 80 matches
- Earnings of £508,000 on the World Championship Tennis circuit

McEnroe said after this latest defeat: "He just outplayed me. It was a banging in more ways than one."

Lendl refused to be rattled by the

temper and angry demonstrations of McEnroe, who was again on his worst behaviour.

Early in the match McEnroe threw a tantrum after disputing a call by linesman Mickay Martin.



*Lendl, staggering success*

He angrily snapped at umpire Ron Bennett: "I won't play if that guy's out there."

Referee Zeno Plau talked with McEnroe at mid-court and play resumed with the linesman shifted to a baseline position.

Later, McEnroe was more gracious in complimenting Lendl.

"I think he's moving better and anticipating better. He is a good champion and I look forward to taking him next time," he said.

A McEnroe-Lendl confrontation at Wimbledon would, at first glance, be a highspot of the sporting summer.

But there can be no guarantee that this will take place.

Lendl feels that grass courts are not the place to play his best tennis, and, so far, he has not entered Wimbledon.

Perhaps he could spend the championship fortnight collecting the fortune he is making from tennis.

P.F.

# Ghaus: a death so tragic

**S**TRANGE how people are at times remembered more after their death than while alive

Perhaps it is one of the ironies of life

A great player though he undoubtedly was in his heyday, Ghaus Mohammad's last days were full of misery and pain. Not many rushed to his aid even though the Andhra Pradesh sports council did provide a grant.

It was all so tragic especially when one considers that even mediocre tennis players make a tidy amount from tournament play and coaching assignments these days.

Had Ghaus been born some 30 years later he would have been rolling in the stuff.

Be that as it may, Ghaus has carved a permanent niche for himself and it is most heartening that an Indo Pak tournament to perpetuate his memory should have emanated from the Sind Lawn Tennis Association.

The suggestion deserves to be hailed and must be speedily accepted by the controlling bodies of both countries since Ghaus belonged as much to Pakistan as to India.

Such an event will not only be a tribute to the man but also to the peculiar ethos of sport in the sub continent.

Hopefully it will also strengthen the relations between the countries.

However to achieve this end the competition must be restricted to juniors.

I say this not because the seniors in India will overwhelm their counterparts in Pakistan as some seem to visualise but to eliminate the tensions and prestige involved in such a contest.

India and Pakistan have had some close encounters in the Davis Cup but take away the Amritraj brothers and Ramesh Krishnan and Sashi Menon and our standards will be as poor as in Pakistan, if not worse.

The idea must be to evolve an annual event that will not only perpetuate the memory of Ghaus but also serve the cause of tennis in both nations.

A start has already been made with the conduct of hockey "Tests" at the junior level. More such ventures in other disciplines will be of mutual benefit.

Talking of tennis, we have had little activity in recent times. Indeed, the season heading for a close will be remembered as one of the most inactive in memory.

Once again we did not organise the Grand Prix. Not many tears may be shed over this but we did not also hold the Satellite which has helped our young aspirants in not only gaining valuable experience but also vital ATP points.

The preoccupation with preparations for the Asian Games has been advanced as the cause. However it is only a handy excuse for the All India Lawn Tennis Association to cover up its inefficiency and lack of imagination.

How can the conduct of big tournaments affect the players or the laying of courts of the tennis complex coming up in Delhi?

Indeed, such tournaments are vital for the players to sharpen their game. As such we ought to have had more competitions not less.

However coaching camps appear to be the sole concern of the ALLTA probably because the government meets the costs.

Even these have not been well conducted. They have also not been well attended.

At the last camp at Patiala Feroz Piperno was about the only leading player present. The rest were busy making money by participating in small tournaments.

None the wiser for the experience the ALLTA has announced a list of probables for the Asian. Many in the list will never make the India grade. Yet Dilip Bose, the ALLTA secretary, has declared that there may be additions.

How far the ALLTA is out of touch with realities may be seen from the fact that the list includes Nandini Ranqarayan who has gone abroad and who has not been competing in the domestic circuit for some time.

Sad to say, the list also includes a player who was involved in a most unsavoury episode last year and who thus smeared the fair name of Indian tennis.

Clearly the ALLTA has neither considered the merits and demerits of the players

nor paid any serious thought to the composition of the team. All that it has done is to merely reproduce the ranking list.

The ALLTA has also proposed to send a squad of 11 members abroad. The squad is yet to be announced. If past experience is any guide it will be known only on the eve of the departure.

Frankly the number of really talented youngsters in the country can be counted on the fingers of one hand. Under circumstances, it is astounding how the ALLTA unearthed 11.

Even more difficult to understand is how a trip abroad can benefit players and not tournaments and camps at home.

Even though religiously undertaken every year the foreign trips have yielded little result. The reasons are not far to seek.

The trips are ill planned and the players of late have not been accompanied by a knowledgeable and sincere coach.

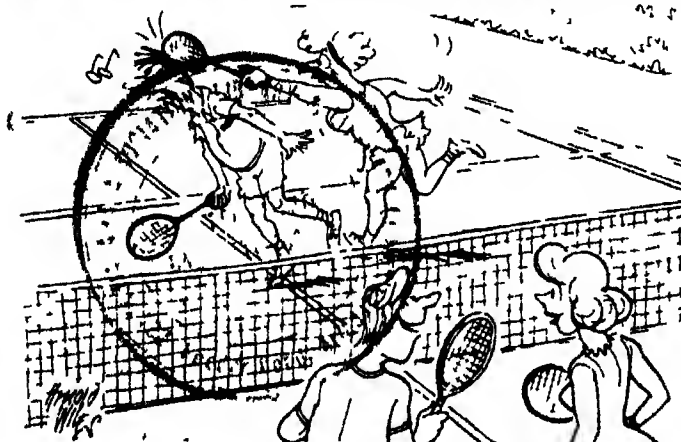
What little successes these players achieve abroad are in third or fourth grade tournaments. They are just not good enough for the higher grades.

On the last trip some members of the squad were known as "Monday players". They were invariably knocked out in the first rounds on Mondays and had little to do thereafter.

A lot of money is being wasted in the name of the Asian Games preparations. The prudent thing to do would be to make a short list of the potential team members and concentrate on their preparations.

The time is past to cast the net wide.

## ALL IN THE GAME!



"She's got a deadly back-hand but her husband usually gets the benefit of it!"



## TOMCO felicitate Wilson Jones

**W**ILSON JONES twice world amateur billiards champion and the maestro of the green baize was felicitated by Tata Oil Mills and a host of lovers of the game on his 60th birthday not only for his services to the game but as a gentleman last Sunday at the Bombay Gymkhana.

Jones cut a specially designed birthday cake shaped like a billiards table to mark the function as 60 white balloons were released.

The chairman of the felicitation committee Mr V K Bali stated that about Rs 1 70 000 had already been collected and the purse was expected to touch the two lakh mark.

Wilson Jones was visibly touched and stated that words were insufficient to express his gratitude.

Exhibition billiards and snooker matches were played among the top players to mark the occasion.



The maestro of the green baize Wilson Jones receiving the purse from V K Bali, chairman TOMCO. In the centre is Mrs Jones.



India skipper Sunil Gavaskar receives the I R Tairsee Trophy from Dilip Sumpat, president P J Hindu Gymkhana at their annual general meeting last week.

## Hunt retires

**A**USTRALIAN Geoff Hunt who could fairly lay claim to being the finest squash player ever announced his retirement from top class competition last week.

Persistent back and hip injuries forced a premature end to the competitive career of the 35 year old Australian who won four world titles and a record eight British Open titles.

I'll miss the competition. It always used to spark me up. I was looking forward to winning the British title once or twice more.

Ironically back trouble forced him out of this year's event on the eve of the championships and in his absence the title went to 18 year old Pakistani Jahangir Khan.

But Hunt's reign as the world's No. 1 effectively ended at the world championships in Toronto last November when Jahangir just 17 beat him in the final in four games.

Hunt, one of the true gentlemen of sport, has been a fixture on the international squash scene since he was picked to tour England in 1963. He has been ranked first or second in the world since 1967.

Hunt won his first British Open title in 1968 but had to wait until 1973 to take it for a second time. After that he lost it only once until this year.

He won the World Open title when it was instituted in 1975 and he was unbeaten in that event until Jahangir defeated him in last year's final.

Hunt's eighth triumph in the British Open broke the record he had shared with the legendary Pakistani Hashim Khan, who is Jahangir's uncle.

## Grass: a nemesis for Lendl

**T**HERE is one great flaw in the claim that Lendl is the world's greatest player.

He hates playing on grass because he feels his technique is not suited to it.

And so he gives himself no chance of winning the Wimbledon championship.

How far can I go at Wimbledon? Until the first or second day. It depends when I play my first match. It is one of his favourite jokes.

But his fourth win in a row over McEnroe on clay in Paris on cement and twice on carpet makes for an interesting summer.

In Bjorn Borg's absence, Lendl must be as hot a favourite to win the French Championship as McEnroe to retain the Wimbledon crown, leading to the biggest showdown for years in the U.S. Open where all three will play in September.

IAN BARNES

# World partnership record

— By Vijay Hazare and Dr. V.K. Naik —

**WE** returned home from England tired and stala after a surfait of cricket. But we were in time for the domestic season. India had done very well on the recent trip to the home of cricket. A trip to Australia was in the offing, scheduled to take place in next winter. But as our seasons collide, it was decided to pick the team up at the end of the current season.

With this view a series of matches were arranged between the 'India in England side' and the 'Rest of India'. Some of the players who were in our touring side were transferrad to the other team to set up a balance. As was to be expected we had a few casualties, the first being the captain, Pataudi. Although it was arranged that five exhibition matches would be played, the alarming number of unfit players in our rank restricted the total matches to just three.

We lost the first match but in the next at Calcutta, Amarnath and Modi gave such a leather hunting to the opponents that they were concerned in an Indian record stand for any wicket. They addad 410. Amarnath gave a dazzling display and scored 262. He was to reveal the same form in the earlier part of our tour 'Down Under'. Modi supported him admirably and made 156. With such talented stroke-makers unfolding a variety of strokes, the spectators got thair money's worth. We lost the match in Bombay. But I found my touch and I scored 113.

## Avoided

Pataudi intimated to the Board that his servicas were available as captain for the forthcoming trip to Australia. But public opinion was veering around in favour of Merchant. An unsavoury contest was avoided when Pataudi continued to remain in poor health. Merchant was unanimously appointed to the post at long last. But he was to experience that there is many a slip betwixt the proverbial cup and the lip. He developed a mysterious groin strain which kept him away from the zonal tourney.

In his absence I was selected skipper of the West Zone. Modi and I made fifty each in our first round. In the final we again were amongst the runs and obtained centuries. I made 185 and we won the zonal quadrangular.

Baroda started their bid for the Ranji Trophy which had eluded us in the previous season as we had been

defeated in the final by Holkar. In the earlier rounds I got a couple of half centuries but I was in form more with the ball. Against Maharashtra, my former side, I had the career best figures of 8 wickets for 90. Baroda reached the final end once again our opponents were our last year's conquerors, Holkar.

It was now our turn to play the hosts. As at Indore (the venue of the previous decider), Baroda had a matting wicket at the Maharaja Pratapsinh Coronation Gymkhana Ground. The evergreen veteran C.K. Nayudu brought his able lieutenants—C.S. Nayudu, Mushtaq Ali, Sarwate, Jagdale, Hiralal Gaekwad and others to do battle with us and to defend the title. C.K. proved lucky with the coin and elected to bat. But except for Sarwate who was undefeated with 94, the rest did not put up the resistance expected of champions and Holkar were dismissed for just over 200. I found the home wicket to my liking and returned the figuras of 6 for 85.

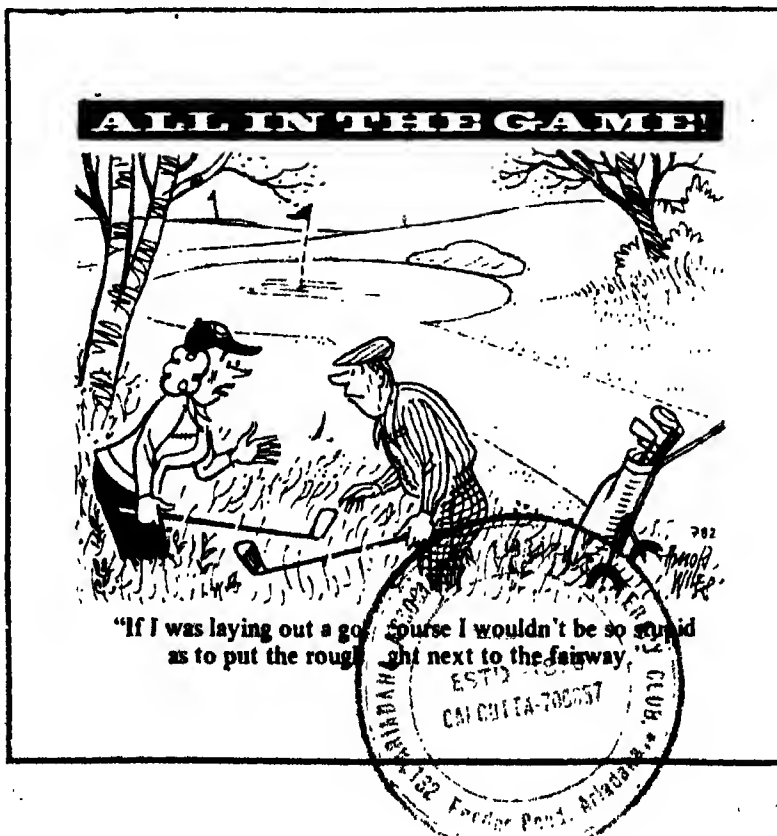
Baroda's reply did not in the earlier phase suggest any fire-works. We lost 3 wickets for 91. That brought Gul Mahomed and me together. None of us imagined that we were to set up an all time record in the next couple of days. The final was a five day affair and as we

had to avenge our defeat of the last year and to gain possession of the fabulous golden urn, we decided to make our position as comfortable as possible.

We passed the opponents' moderate total. Then we got going and attacked the bowling. Maintaining a rate of a run a minute, both Gul Mahomed and I passed our individual centuries. We could not afford to let up and allow the opponents to regain the initiative. Continuing in the same mood, both of us reached a double century apiece. In the process we set an Indian record overtaking the one established by Amarnath and Modi aarlier in the season.

Our stand was worth 500, a unique thing in Indian cricket. But Gul Mahomed and I were told that only four times before had any partnership exceeded 500. Two Yorkshire pairs had done this once each and Worrell, the West Indies' rising batsman was instrumental in setting up the other two. His partnership with another coming up batsman, Walcott, was the world's highest and was worth 574. We were encouraged to have a go at it if we could.

Gul Mahomed, the mora aggressive partner in this assault on the bowlers completed his triple century. It was the



first record on a matting strip in India and is still the highest for such a surface. We did succeed in setting up a new partnership record for any wicket when our association became worth 577. With Baroda's total at 668. Gul Mahomed was out for 319. Our partnership had taken us a little less than nine hours.

I seemed set to record the third treble century of my career. It would have been the only instance of two triple centuries in the same innings. But it was to remain a pipe dream and I was dismissed for 288. I had batted for the longest time in my career and had occupied the crease for 628 minutes. Baroda ultimately reached a total of 748 the third highest in Indian cricket till then. Completely outplayed in all the departments of the game, the weary Holkar folded up in the second essay. Baroda won the handsome Ranji Trophy for the second time in their ten year quest to gain a sweet revenge.

At the end of the season, the team to tour Australia in the following winter was chosen. I was happy that my Baroda colleague Adhikari was in. He was distinctly unlucky to miss the earlier

tour. As a stylish batsman and an alert cover point Adhikari was more than a useful member of the side. Later he was vice captain to me on our English trip and still later captained India in a home Test against the West Indies.

Dattu Phadkar, young and energetic was another who gained recognition of his talents. He too proved a fine addition to India side for many years.

Merchant was chosen as the captain while Amarnath was to act as his deputy. But as the map of India showed political changes so did the team. India won independence and amidst all-round rejoicings came the partition of the country. The latter event caused the dropping off of Fazal Mahmood who migrated to the new state of Pakistan and was lost to us.

Modi, one of the leading batsmen in the country suddenly broke down in health and carried off. Worse was to follow. Mushtaq Ali of the originally selected party thought he had better stay back in view of the political upheavals taking place at the time.

Misfortunes never come singly. The unkindest cut was the withdrawal of the

captain elect Merchant. He had missed a few matches during the season in order to recuperate from his ailment and was hoping to be fit in time for the arduous tour. But to the regret of all and more so of himself, Merchant declared that he did not consider himself to be fit for the tour. That seemed the last straw.

We had not even started our journey and the captain and the opening batsman was not in the party. His partner in opening an innings was also missing so also the number three batsman. In addition the most promising medium pacer had deserted us. All this needed fresh replacements. The selectors should have been unanimous in their choices of these. But unfortunately there was a bitter wrangling amongst them about certain choices. Mr De Mello, the president of the cricket control board then pointed out to the selection committee that its tenure had ended. A fresh selection committee was appointed. This consisted of Amarnath who replaced Merchant as the touring captain, myself chosen as the vice captain for the tour, Mankad, the senior member of the side and the Board president himself.

## Convention

Our choice fell on Sarwate Ranga chari Ravisinhji and Raising. My appointment as the vice captain meant that I was marked at some future date as India's captain. This is a convention observed in all the cricket playing countries. Its idea is to groom the incumbent for the difficult post. We were the first representatives of a free India on an international tour of cricket.

When we landed at Port Darwin in the Western Australian desert country we were warmly welcomed by the local population. I am reminded of the outspoken welcome given to M.C.C. teams in Fremantle by the former Australian fast bowler Jones. He used to tell the visitor in a patriotic voice, "You have no chance. We will beat you hollow. As we had no illusions about ourselves and were out to learn and see Bradman and Co. in action, we needed no such andid outburst.

India's visit had aroused a lot of interest and the news agency Reuters had deputed an old English cricketer (but Indian born) in the form of Duleep singhji to cover the tour for them. Veteran Deodhar also came as a correspondent of a paper from Pune. Both these old timers had played together for the only time almost twenty years ago. Now they were both wielding the pen instead of a cricket bat. We were to meet more journalists from the ranks of old Australian cricketers since retired from active cricket. We had stepped into an atmosphere of cricket in the southern hemisphere.

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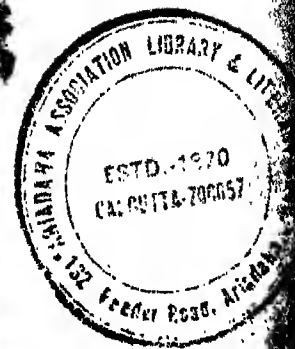


AS A FOOTBALL COACH, I KNOW BEING HUNG IN EFFIGY IS PART OF THE GAME BUT IT STILL HURTS WHEN YOUR WIFE DOES IT..

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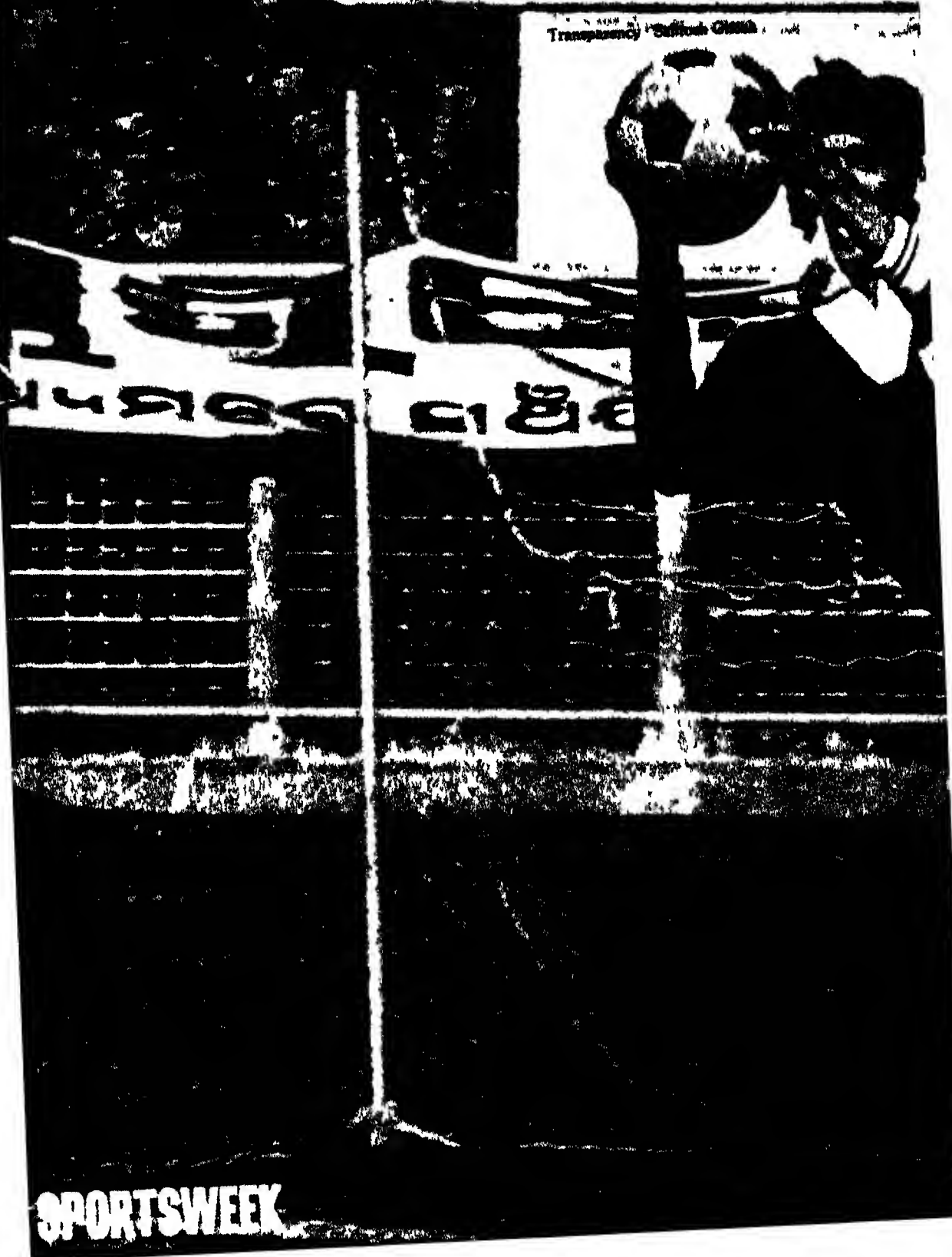


The Indian cricket team for England, 1970, with manager Ran Singh Duggarpu (far right) and the players of their department.  
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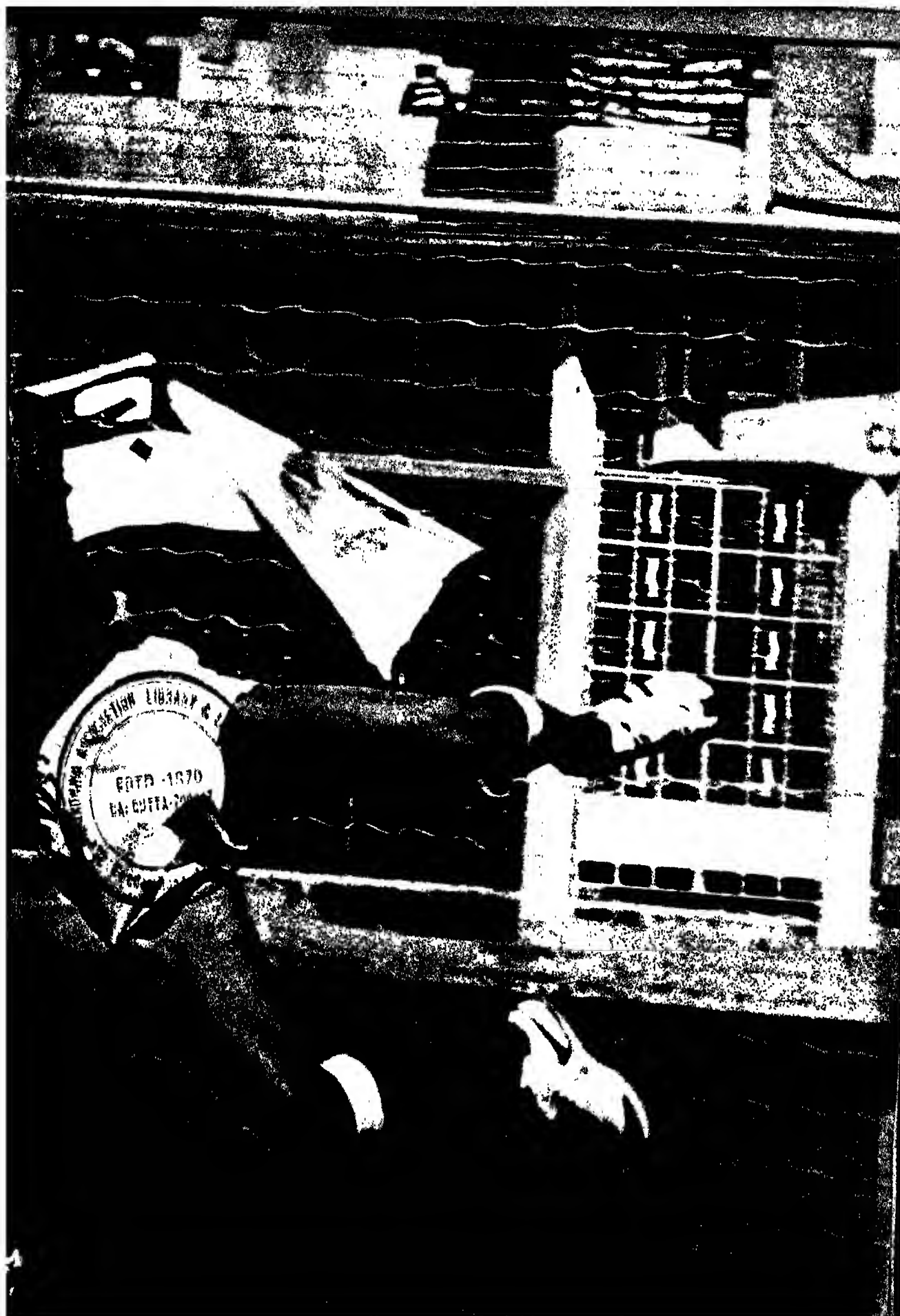
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At guest Mansur Ali Khan presents India team Sunil Gavaskar with a garland at the Bombay Cricket Association's farewell function to the team

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# Holkar prove too strong

**H**OLKAR exhibited their strength in unmistakable manner and won the prestigious trophy for the first time in 1945-46 defeating Baroda in the final. It was a great triumph for their captain the 50 year old C.K. Nayudu who had striven hard to shape the team since their formation and entry into the competition in 1941.

His success was further sweetened by the fact that he scored a brilliant double century 200 runs to be exact in the final and literally masterminded the victory. For Holkar's total was only 342 and the next best score was by C.T. Sarwate of 42 runs. In the second innings also he scored 50.

Yet another factor that should have heightened his happiness was that it was C.S. his brother who took the honours in bowling claiming five wickets in each innings for 66 and 148 runs—a ten wicket haul for 214 runs.

C.K. headed Holkar's batting with a total of 401 runs and averaged 80.20. Only young Hemu Adhikari of Baroda (555) and Vijay Merchant of Bombay (405) were ahead of him. Holkar batted very steadily throughout the season. B.B. Nimbalkar (384), C.T. Sarwate (262), M.M. Jagdale (251) crossed the 200 mark while others like Hiralal Gaikwad, J. Bhaya, C.S. Nayudu, K.V. Bhandarkar and H. Pratapsingh played valuable knocks.

The only failure strangely was Mushtaq Ali who was in such roaring form the previous season! (But he was in the company of Rusi Modi who had touched the 1000 mark in the same season).

## Convincing

Once again the two leg spinners C.S. and Sarwate provided the main thrust in bowling but the medium paced bowlers Jagdale and the left arm Gaikwad provided good support. C.S. got 23 wickets, Sarwate 22 while Jagdale and Gaikwad got 15 and seven respectively. Bhandarkar was an asset behind the wicket. Holkar's was a triumph of team work under the inspiration of C.K.

Holkar's triumphant march was both convincing and definite. They beat Bihar in the opening match in the East Zone by an innings and 187 runs and Bengal in the zone final by five wickets. In the semifinal against Mysore they won by an innings and 213 runs while Baroda were beaten by 56 runs in the final. Against Bihar recovering from a poor start—32 for three—Holkar took their score to 433 thanks to a quick 106 by B.B. Nimbalkar and his 140 run stand with the diminutive Bhaya (89) for the seventh wicket.

Then C.S. and Sarwate dismissed Bihar for 142 runs claiming four for 62 and six for 54 respectively in the second innings. Jagdale who did not bowl in the first spearheaded the Bihar collapse for 104 runs. He took five for 42. Gaikwad took two for 13 while C.S. and Sarwate took two and one respectively. The two Bihar innings tumbled in the course of a day.

Bengal who had beaten United Provinces by 45 runs—the match was marked by the brilliant bowling of the Aligarh lad Bashir who took eight wickets for 42 runs in the first innings and 10 for the match and Devraj Puri's retort for Bengal with six for 28 and four for 59—then suffered defeat at the hands of Holkar. Bengal made 119 and 266. Nirmal Chatterjee's fine knock of 99 marking the latter innings while Holkar replied with 288 and 102 for five. This was the only away match that Holkar played at Calcutta.

C.K. was among the six centurions for Holkar in their semifinal against Mysore. Bhandarkar (142) and Sarwate (101) put on 184 for the first wicket. Jagdale (164) and C.K. (101) added 172 for the fourth after the former and Bhandarkar had added 111 for the third. Jagdale was then associated in his third century stand of 110 for the fifth with Nimbalkar (172) while the latter added

125 for the sixth with C.S. (73) and 106 for the seventh with Pratapsingh (100). Pratapsingh and Bhaya followed with 100 for the eighth. Mysore had a wearying two and a half days toil on the field and naturally succumbed for 190 runs in the reply only G.M. Rajasekhar fighting the brilliant bowling of C.S. and scoring 83. C.S. returned his best figures for an innings claiming nine for 61. However Mysore fought back grandly when followed on with Garudachar always unbeatable in spirit—he had bowled 69 overs to take four wickets earlier—coming up with a magnificent 164. He was associated in two century stands 134 for the third with Rajasekhar (45) and 148 for the fourth with the brilliant Frank (80).

These efforts inspired C. Govindaraj (66) and A.N. Murthy (69) to add another 121 in an unbroken association for the seventh. However Mysore conceded victory to Holkar when they had reached 509 runs for the loss of six wickets.

## Distinction

Adhikari who held the distinction of scoring the maximum number of runs (555) for the season started with a century in each innings in Baroda's match against Nawanagar. He scored 129 and 151 not out. Baroda made 328 and 363 for five declared.

In the second innings Adhikari who hit eighteen 4s added with Vijay Hazare (87) 185 runs for the third wicket. Nawanagar replied with 218 and 138 for eight wickets and had to concede victory to Baroda on first innings scores. Leg spinner Amir Elahi claimed 10 wickets for the match—four for 65 and six for 74.

Baroda then overcame Western India also by their first innings lead. To Baroda's 243 and 277 Western India replied with 215 and 104 for eight. With Amir Elahi in form—he had taken four wickets for 23 runs—the latter were in danger of defeat but time intervened.

Baroda were however lucky to overcome Bombay in the West Zone final with the toss—being resorted to for deciding the winners. Bombay occupied the crease for two whole days out of the four days to raise 645 runs. K.C. Ibrahim who scored 132 opening the innings and Vijay Merchant who as a rule did not open the innings in domestic cricket put on 151 for the second wicket. Merchant scored 171 and with his brother Uday Merchant who gathered 136 added 120 for the fourth. Uday and Rangnekar maintained the tempo with a 183 run stand for the fifth wicket. Baroda's skipper police officer R.B. Nimbalkar instructed his



*'Twas a great triumph for Holkar skipper C.K. Nayudu*

## Ranji Trophy Journey

batsmen to play for a draw which they carried out meticulously.

The captain (132) and Adhikari (126) made a grand reply with a 166-run stand for the second wicket, and the latter and Vijay Hazare (85) were concerned in a fourth wicket stand of 122. Bombay saw some hope when three wickets fell quickly to Phadkar and Ranji, but M.M. Naidu (38) and S.G. Powar (40) batted stubbornly to hold on till stumps.

The match was decided by the spin of the coin at a place away from the ground; luck favoured Nimbalkar. Baroda got the better of Southern Punjab, again by the spin of the coin after the match had ended in a tie.

In the final Baroda met more than their match in Holkar. Late Vijay Hazare recapitulated the finer points of the encounter. "Here our luck ended. We found a tartar in the old maestro, C.K. Nayudu, who at the age of 50, batted as Deodhar did at that age. C.K. scored the highest of his career, exactly 200. Baroda's reply fell short by a wide margin. I thought I would get my century. From the bowling as I did the moment I yielded the strike to the tail-ender they had him. I was left high and dry at 87 not out. In the second innings, Baroda batsman looked like getting the 400 odd runs for a win. I got my second



Mushtaq Ali...failed to shine

half century of the match and M.M. Naidu made 91 not out. He was given good support by the last man Ahmad Patel. The match ended when the opponents appealed for a close catch. After some deliberation the umpire upheld the appeal. "The umpires for the match lasting six days were T.A. Ramachandran and J.R. Patel.

A brilliant 128 by Aibara and Ghulam Ahmed's all-round performance—a

for 84—were the outstanding performances in the South Zone. Thanks to them Hyderabad beat C.P. and Barar by an innings and 118 runs. Hyderabad made 399 and C.P. Barar 154 and 127. Ghulam Ahmed took seven for 65 in the first innings.

However, Mysore, who had earlier defeated Madras by 112 runs, overcame Hyderabad in the zone final by 101 runs. With a slender eight-run lead in the first innings Mysore totallad 309 runs in the second—C.J. Ramdev scored a fine 80 not out—and then dismissed Hyderabad for 220. Rama Rao (four wickets), Garudachar (3) and Chandrasekhar (2) did the trick.

Southern Punjab won both their North Zone matches by an innings. They beat Delhi by an innings and 193 runs. The senior Nawab of Pataudi made his first appearance in the championship for them though he scored only seven runs while opening the innings. Thanks to a brilliant 170 by Md. Saeed and his 113-run stand with Rai Singh (132) SP reached 472 runs. Delhi fell for 181 and 98, Raja Bhalidar Singh, brother of the Maharaja of Patiala, and a slow bowler was SP's best bowler, taking four for 34 and three for 25.

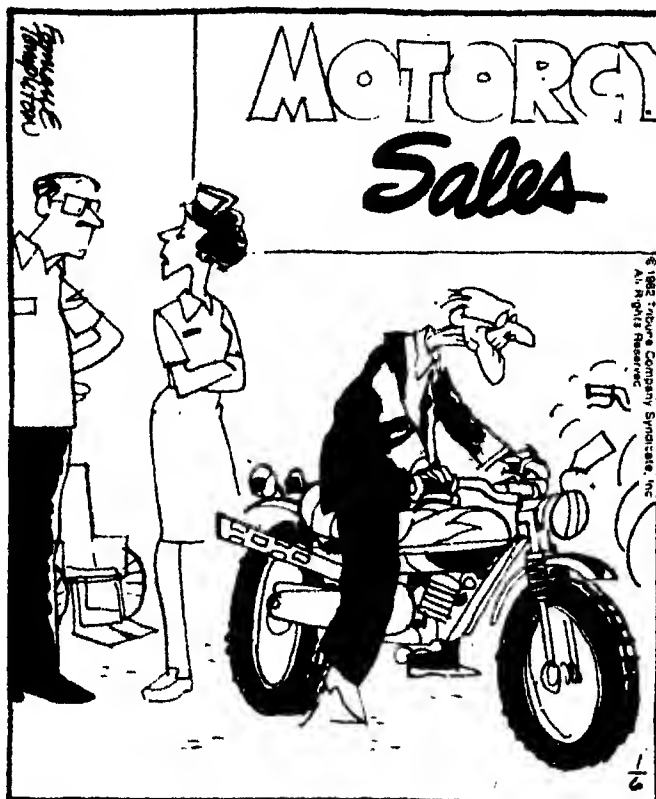
SP then defeated Northern India, the latter conceding at the end of their reply. L. Amarnath (133), Rai Singh (117) and Murawar Hussain, 153 not out, were prominent in SP's score of 658 for eight declared. Amarnath completed a good match taking five for 32 as Northern India fell for 250 runs. SP then lost to Baroda in the semifinal by the spin of the coin, after the match had ended in a tie, the first such instance in the competition. Ejaz Ahmed's seven for 57 in Delhi's victory over North-West Frontier Province, and Inderjit's ten wicket haul—four for 76 and six for 38—for Northern India who beat Rajputana were the other outstanding performances in the North Zone.

While Western India secured an exciting three-run victory over Gujarat in the West Zone in the opening match of the season, Sind defeated Maharashtra on first innings scores thanks to the batting of G. Kishenchand and the bowling of D. Narottam. Kishenchand scored 136 in Sind's first innings of 416 while Narottam took seven for 44 to dismiss Maharashtra for 258, and another three for 51 when they followed on and made 250 for nine, declared. Sind were 61 for one when the match ended in a draw.

Bombay then defeated Sind by an innings and 20 runs in a match made memorable by Vijay Merchant's unbeaten 234. The Bombay captain, who batted for 425 minutes and hit nineteen 4s, added 325 runs for the fifth wicket with the left-hander Rangnekar, who scored a 'dashing 174 in 255 minutes with one 6 and twenty 4s.

The contrast in styles between Merchant and Rangnekar was both entertaining and educative. While Merchant ended up with the fantastic average of 405.00—he batted only twice—Modi, the hero of the previous season, was nowhere in the picture. His scores were 18 v Sind and 4 v Baroda.

## THE SPORTING LIFE



HUMOR HIM... IT'S HIS LAST HURRAH.

# Hat-trick by Mohun Bagan

—SPORTSWEEK Correspondent—

**M**OHUN BAGAN achieved some sort of a hat-trick in the Federation Cup Football Tournament on Sunday last when they defeated Mafatlal by a solitary goal in the final. This victory follows their successes in the final last year over Mohammedan Sporting and a half share in the Cup the year before that. They had shared the Cup in 1978 again two years later with arch rivals East Bengal. They had lost the final in 1977. Thus they have been finalists every year that they have participated in the tournament.

Mafatlal had no such record though they were expected to win but lost to Border Security Force in the final in 1979 when no Calcutta side took part. But in the last two months they had twice met Mohun Bagan before this final in the Stafford Cup at Bangalore and here at Kozhikode in the quarterfinal league. On both occasions they shared points.

In view of the two earlier draws one felt that Mafatlal would not be overawed by their rivals who were not as formidable as last year. In the event however their fears came true.

Mafatlal just could not weather the early storm and could never steady themselves enough to be a match for

the champions. From the first minute they were subjected to heavy pressure by the experienced Mohun Bagan attack especially wingers Surajit Sengupta and Ulaganathan. Skipper Shyam Thapa was alert to pick up the loose ball in midfield and deny his rivals any relief. Francis D Souza chipped in by combining with Surajit to rock the Mafatlal defence on its left flank.

Francis and Surajit combined to carve out the only goal of the match. Surajit got past Rehman near the touchline and skipped away from the sliding tackle of Tejpal Salián before capitalising on D Silva leaving the first angle open to a shot. Mohun Bagan did not relax and came close to scoring twice more before Mafatlal had their first real look at the Mohun Bagan goal.

## Fine volley

Choudhary fired a fine volley from the top of the box and bought forth an equally spectacular save from Shibaji Banerjee and Fidelis Cardoz also found Shibaji in the way of his shot. Mafatlal however could not settle down to a systematic attack. Even in the early stages of the second half when they desperately strove to get level with

Mohun Bagan they did not display the control and composure to cause their rivals any undue anxiety. The Mohun Bagan defence positioned and tackled well to limit the view of their goal. Mafatlal also erred in switching the ball to one another when in shooting range.

Mohun Bagan had a couple of chances late in the game one of them from inside the goal area was kicked over by youth international Krishnanu Dey who came in for Ulaganathan.

Mohun Bagan have put the Indian sign on Mohammedan Sporting. In five meetings they have never been beaten in Calcutta. In 1980 they prevailed in the tie-breaker after finishing level at the end of the second leg semifinal. In 1981 they won the final by two goals to nil and now they again gained the light by winning the second leg semifinal by two goals to nil after drawing the first leg.

Neither at Calcutta nor at Madras were Mohun Bagan fortunate to pull through. They were here in the sixth of the series for the leading clubs of the country. The strange thing about the semifinal encounter with last year's champions and runners up was that the Mohammedans were not fancied. Their run into that round had not been



*Mafatlal's Fidelis Cardoz puts everything into this shot to score past stunned Salgaocar defenders Rebello and Oscar in the first-leg semifinal which the Bombay team won 2-1*

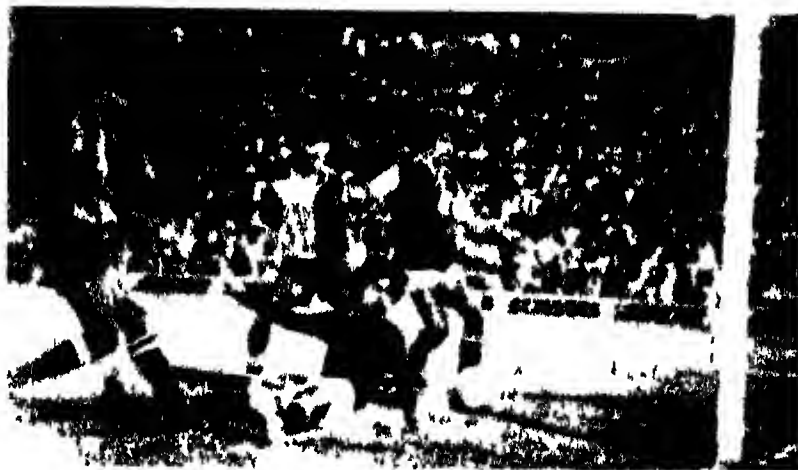


## Federation Soccer

impressive. They had made the grade without winning any of their three quarterfinal league ties. They did not lose any of them either and that in the final analysis gave them the 1 point advantage over JCT Mills and East Bengal in the tussle for the second place behind unbeaten Salgaocar in Group 2.

The fact however was that the Mohammedans had not impressed while Mohun Bagan had topped the other group with five points from three games and had not conceded a goal. Thus the odds were in favour of Mohun Bagan.

But followers of form were in for a ride. The Iranians who had been disappointing till then now bestirred themselves to retrieve their reputations. Jamshed Nassiri and Mehmood Khabazi had both shown an inclination



**SITTER MISSED** East Bengal's Arup Das (centre) fails to boot the ball into the goal even after Mohd's goalie Pratap Ghosh lost his balance and fell. Both teams shared a goal each.



**BULL'S EYE** JCT striker N Thapa finds the net to draw level with East Bengal 1-1.

to work hard in the cause of their team. Majid Bakshi, the most skilful of the three, had been the cause for much heartburning among the Mohammedans.

Their coach, however, played his cards cleverly. He had Jamshed playing away from the Mohun Bagan penalty area. This tried Subroto Bhattacharya, who has announced his retirement from the international scene, and left the less experienced Satyajit Ghosh to meet the challenge of Majid who played as an advanced striker. This tactic coupled with the good form of Ankar Adhikari and Somenath Banerjee on the flanks had Mohun Bagan fully stretched.

But Mohun Bagan fought doggedly to survive the first half. An hour of the first leg and then found relief as Shyam Thapa engineered the move that put them ahead in the 31st minute. Surajit Sengupta accepted his kipper's pass

picked his spot and drove the ball unerringly there past Gautam Ghosh.

The Mohammedans drew level within three minutes through Prem Dorji who beat diving Shibaji Banerjee with a ground shot from the top of the box. After the interval the Mohammedans again ruled the roost but their pace slackened noticeably and one felt they were conserving themselves for the second leg. Yet Jamshed Somenath Banerjee and Majid had chances to score.

Mohun Bagan were not with chances either and they made the better attempts. But Gautam Ghosh fisted over a header off Francis D Souza and just before the end dived forward to hold a shot of Surajit.

Mohun Bagan continued under the protection of dame fortune in the second leg though their rivals were as dominant as in the first leg. This may be



East Bengal's Romon Bhattacharyya gives colleague Tapes a hug after the latter executed a spectacular save against JCT.



**OH NO, YOU DON'T** JCT custodian neatly falls East Bengala' Akbar (left)

due to Jamshed playing his normal role as a spearhead. However, it was only after the coming in of Bikash Panji for Gautam Sarkar, who did not seem fully fit, that the match became a little more even.

Panji made two good plays to lift up Mohun Bagan before the winners took the lead nine minutes from the interval through Amitava Mukherjee. Mohun Bagan had a couple of more tries before the interval but it was a header of Jamshed that had more of the goal—look before crashing into the far post and rebounding to Shibaji Banerjee.

In the second half Mohun Bagan lead a charmed life. Majid, Jamshed and substitute Debasish Roy came close to finding the net but were somehow thwarted by the opposition.

These seemed to affect the Moham-medans and they played listlessly in midfield to let their rivals into the proceedings.

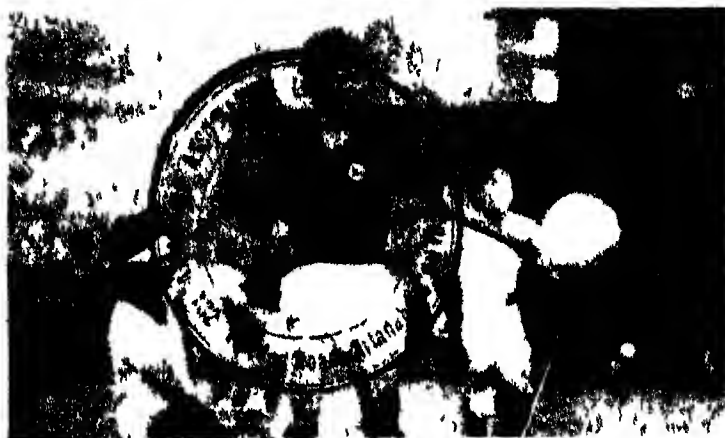
Francis D'Souza, who had muffed a couple of chances in the first half, was more venturesome and created gaps in the rival defence by his mobility. It was he who paved the way for Panji to strike home the second and final goal just before the end.



**CLOSE SAVE.** Shibaji Banerjee of Bagan collects the ball to thwart BSF's striker Pradip Kumar, while teammate Gauranga Banerjee looks on anxiously. Bagan beat JCT 4-0



**DUEL.** Mohd's winger Majumdar (right) fighting for possession of the ball with Salgaocar's defender Maurice. The teams drew goalless



**MISSED...** The ball spins past Majid's striker Pran Chatterjee, while Bagan stopper Satyajit Ghosh (crouched) tries to tackle in vain. Both the teams drew 0-0

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### How it began

# Today's most unrivalled sport

— By Debabrata Chowdhury —

**I**T did not seem to be an impertinent question when the famous author, James Michener once asked: "Is soccer a game or an open warfare?"

Just as because of this game, many people have got killed or have committed suicide. It was also responsible for the fullscale war in 1969 between the two Central American countries, El Salvador and Honduras. Casualties? More than 2,000 dead.

These are, however, isolated incidents constituting the dark side of the game which in sheer popularity, is simply unrivalled. In fact, soccer is now the most international of all team sports and at present there are more nations on earth that play football than there are members of the United Nations Organisation.

It is therefore hardly surprising that today the tournament known as World Cup football generates more interest as well as more morbid excitement than the Olympic Games, yet another quadrennial event and a great one too.

This year it will be no exception as Spain gets ready to stage the tournament from June 13. If anything, it will create more interest as twentyfour teams instead of the usual sixteen, are going to fight it out there.

But let us first go back to the days when it all began.

That a World Cup tournament should be held at all was first discussed at the inaugural congress of the Federation Internationale des Football Associations (F.I.F.A.) at Paris on 21st May, 1904 but the idea did not take any shape until the Antwerp Congress in 1920.

Various factors, however, again stood as hindrance but in 1926 Henri Delaunay, secretary of both the French Federation and F.I.F.A., proclaimed: "Today international football can no longer be confined within the Olympics. Many countries where professionalism is in vogue cannot any longer be represented there by their best players."

The final resolution was, however, adopted during the Amsterdam Olympic Games in 1928 and at the Barcelona Congress of the F.I.F.A. the following year, Uruguay, a tiny country with a population of only two million, was given the responsibility of staging the first World Cup.

Italy, Holland, Sweden, Hungary and Spain all wanted to host it but Uruguay,

twice Olympic champions, gave an undertaking to build a 1,00,000 capacity stadium at Montevideo within eight months and also promised to pay full expenses of all the participating nations and that was that. The Europeans would take the revenge by not participating.

M Jules Rimet, the president of F.I.F.A. and along with Delaunay, the moving force behind the propagation of football, donated a trophy - a 12½

inches solid gold statuette, designed by a French sculptor, Abel Laffleur and priced at 55,000 franc—and with Argentina, Belgium, Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, France, Mexico, Peru, Paraguay, Rumania, the U.S.A. and Yugoslavia joining the hosts at Montevideo the World Cup or, for that matter, the Jules Rimet Cup was finally launched.

## The First World Cup

1930

FIFA membership—41, World Cup entrants—13 grounds used—Pocito and Central Park; Centenary stadium leading scorers—Guillermo Stabile (Argentina) 8 total attendance—4,34,500 attendance in the final 90,000.

Thirteen nations were divided into four qualifying pools. Argentina, Chile, France and Mexico in pool one; Yugoslavia, Brazil and Bolivia were in pool two; Uruguay, Rumania and Peru were in pool three and U.S.A., Paraguay and Belgium made up the fourth pool.

France, led by Alex Villaplane took the field against Mexico in the opening match on Sunday, July 13 and with goals from Louis Laurent, Jean Maschinot and Michael Langiller, were three up at half-time. Maschinot struck again in the second half to make it 4-0 and Juan Carreno reduced the margin for Mexico a few minutes from time.

So, France who played with ten men for eighty minutes, following goalkeeper Alex Thepot's concussion, had a flying start. But that was all they could do as in their next two matches against Argentina and Chile, they unluckily went down by the identical margin of 1-0 and were out of the tournament.

In the match against Argentina, Langiller was all set to score the equaliser when the Brazilian referee, Almeida Rego, blew the final whistle with six minutes still remaining. As pandemonium followed, Rego had another look at his watch and realised he had made a mistake. Finally, the players were called back and the remaining minutes were played out but France could only go through the motions of playing.



The most coveted prize—denoting the supremacy of a country on the football field



*Uruguay, the winners of the first World Cup soccer tournament in 1930. They beat Argentina 4-2 in the final*

Chile followed them after being beaten 3-1 by Argentina and Mexico finished last in pool I with three defeats from as many matches, the heaviest one coming from Argentina who whipped them 6-3 and were through to the semi-finals

In pool II, Brazil were in for a shock when they were beaten 2-1 by the unfancied Yugoslavia. Right-winger Ion Tirnanic and centre-forward Iven Beck gave Yugoslavia a 2-0 lead and Brazil could muster only one through their skipper Neto. Both the teams then beat Bolivia 4-0 and Yugoslavia reached the penultimate round

The Centenary stadium was ready when Uruguay entered the fray on July 18, but they did not look like the eventual champions and squeezed past Peru by a lone goal scored by Castro. Against Rumanie, however, they displayed awesome firepower and won 4-0, all the goals coming in the first half. So, Rumania who had earlier beaten Peru by a convincing margin of 3-1 and whose players were selected by King Carol himself were out and Uruguay landed themselves into the semifinals from pool III.

The powerfully-built Americans were nicknamed "the shotputters" the moment they landed at Montevideo. But their team, comprising mainly the players of British and Scottish origin, shocked everybody by beating both Belgium and Paraguay 3-0 and moved into the semis from pool IV.

The Americans now had a soaring dream of achieving World Cup glory but the dream received a severe blow as in the first semifinal, they were cut down to size by Argentina. Once more it was proved that strength and power were no match for pure footballing skills.

They, however, had restricted the

Argentines to a 1-0 lead in the first half. But in the second, they fell to pieces as Argentina, turning on the South American magic scored five more compared to their only one by outside-right Brown

In the other semifinal, Yugoslavia were thrashed by the same margin, if in somewhat unlike manner. It was the Yugoslavs who scored first through outside-left Seculic but within ten minutes Pedro Cea levelled the issue. Cea scored two more as did centre-forward Pedro Anselmo and with outside-left Santos Iriarte too figuring in the scorers' list, the fate of Yugoslavia was truly sealed.

Before the final on Wednesday, 30th July, boats of all descriptions brought in hundreds of Argentine supporters to Montevideo. They were searched for revolvers and other weapons twice: first as soon as they had set foot on the Uruguayan soil and secondly at the entrance to the Centenary stadium.

The kick-off was scheduled for two o'clock but by noon the ground, opened at eight in the morning, was packed. As an extra safety measure the attendance was limited to 90,000 though the stadium could take 1,00,000 and soldiers with fixed bayonets kept the crowd under control.

The stage was set for the first World Cup final but the game would not start due to a controversy over the match ball. Each country demanded to use its own but the referee Jean Langenus of Belgium settled the matter diplomatically. Each side could use its own ball in one half but the first choice should be the winners who won the toss. Argentina called correctly and their ball would be in use in the first half.

The match began at a fast pace and before it was twelve minutes old Pablo

Dorado, the Uruguayan right-winger went through and beat Botasso to give his country the lead. But Argentina struck back with goals from Peucelle and Stabile in the 35th and 40th minutes to lead 2-1 at half-time.

Cheered on by the home crowd Uruguay settled down in the second half and Cea levelled the score in the 55th minute with a great goal. Ten minutes more and Iriarte put Uruguay ahead and just a few seconds from close, Castro made it 4-2.

Uruguay rejoiced as captain Jose Nasazzi received the Jules Rimet trophy from its donor. In Buenos Aires, the situation was just the reverse. There the police had to open fire to disperse an infuriated mob who stoned the Uruguayan consulate. The World Cup hysteria had truly begun

## The Second World Cup

1934

FIFA membership-46 World Cup entrants-29 grounds used—Rome, Florence, Turin, Trieste, Genoa, and Bologna; leading scorers - Schiavio (Italy), Nejedly (Czechoslovakia) and Conen (Germany) 4 each. Total attendance-3,98,000. Attendance in the final 55,000.

As before there were many aspirants to stage the second World Cup but in 1932 and after eight congresses, FIFA allowed the responsibility of staging the second World Cup to Italy, following the Italians' promise to run it at a loss if necessary.

Overleaf



# World Cup Soccer Special

Altogether there were twenty-nine nations who had sent their entry and all of them including the hosts, Italy, had to play the eliminating or qualifying matches to decide the sixteen nations who would play in the tournament proper.

Uruguay thought they were snubbed by the Europeans in 1930 and did not send an entry. Eventually Argentina, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, France, Germany, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Mexico, Rumania, Spain, Switzerland and Sweden qualified but there was an extra guest when the U.S.A. arrived in Italy.

Their entry came in too late to be included in the earlier qualifying rounds. However, it was finally decided that they would meet Mexico in a special qualifying game. They won 4-2 and Mexico who had earlier qualified by beating Haiti and Cuba were out even before the finals had really begun.

Like the Americans, Brazil and Argentina were sent packing in the first round. Brazil lost 3-1 to Spain in Genoa without making a fight and with inside-right De Brito, later to be the mentor of the legendary Pele, missing a penalty.

Argentina, who fielded a completely new team had, however the consolation of going down to Sweden, a far better side. They were even leading twice, 1-0 and 2-1, with two brilliant goals from Belis and Galateo, but equalisers from Jonasson and a great goal by Kroon put them out eventually.

At Florence, Germany, barred from the Olympic Games of 1924 and 1928, were given a fright by Belgium whose inside-right Bernard Voorhoof scored twice to give them a 2-1 lead at half time. But the Germans ultimately settled down and with centre-forward Conen completing his hat-trick and outside-left Kobierski adding two more they went to the second round.

## Dubious goal

The most exciting first round game was played between Austria and France at Turin. The score board read 1-1 after ninety minutes but Austria, thanks to a dubious goal from Schall eventually won the tie 3-2 in the extra-time. Years later Schall would admit he scored the goal from an offside position!

In Milan, Kielholz the bespectacled centre-forward of Switzerland scored two goals to give his team a 3-2 victory over the much fancied Holland and in Naples, Hungary had their revenge of an earlier Olympic defeat by beating Egypt.

Meanwhile in Trieste, Czechoslovakia came from behind to beat Rumania 2-1 and the stage was set for the second round or quarter-final matches.

Italy despite a special message from Il Duce, Benito Mussolini were in trouble against Spain at Florence. The Spaniards took the lead in the first half

when a shot by inside-right Requeiro, a miskick which completely deceived goalkeeper Combi.

Ferrari sent the game into extra-time but only because Schiavio had impeded Zamora, the legendary Spanish goalkeeper and now the skipper of the team. The extra-time proved unproductive except that seven Spaniards and four Italians were bruised to such extent that they would not take part in the replay on the following day.

In a game completely free from any unpleasant incident, inside-right Meazza headed in a flag-kick taken by Orsi to put Italy into the semifinals where they would meet Austria who beat Hungary in a violent, brawling battle at Bologna. Horwath and Zischek scored for Austria and Sarosi reduced the margin through a penalty.

Hohmann, Germany's inside-right, scored twice to register an unimpressive 2-1 victory for his country over Sweden in Milan. Sweden who had the chance to go ahead at one stage got their consolation goal through Dunker in the dying minutes.

At Turin, Czechoslovakia made a meaningful rally to come from behind and beat Switzerland 3-2. Kielholz gave Switzerland the lead in the eighteenth minute but Svoboda equalised before half-time. Sobotka put the Czechs in front only for Abegglen to pull it back to 2-2 for Switzerland. Then with seven minutes to go, Nejedly scored the winning goal that took Czechoslovakie to the semifinal.

## Favoured

Before the Italy-Austria semi-final the Milan was blighted by heavy rain and the ground condition distinctly favoured the home side. Three Italians, Orsi, Monti and Gueita played superb football and the last named got the only goal of the match in the first half. Austria had a chance when Zischek raced through the Italian defence in the last minute but he shot wide. So, it was exit for the Wonderteam of Hugo Meisl and Italy went through to the final.

In the other semi-final in Rome, Germany were never a match for Czechoslovakia who were too quick and subtle for them. Quite deservedly they went into the lead in the twenty-first minute and looked like scoring a few more. But in the sixty-third minute the great Planicka inexplicably allowed an innocuous lob from Noack to sail over his head. The trauma however was overcome quickly as Krul scored from a rebound and Nejedly after being put through by Cambal dribbled fluently past the German defence to add the third.

The final between Italy and Czechoslovakia was preceded by the Germany-Austria tie at Naples and the latter, a better side, went down 3-2 to yield the third place to the Germans.

The 55,000 spectators present at the

Stadio Torino in Rome on 10th June, 1934 wanted nothing but an Italian victory when the home team, a side relying on stamina and power, faced Czechoslovakia whose forte were skill and skill alone. One of the spectators was, incidentally Benito Mussolini.

With Cambal, the centre-half, masterminding the moves the Czechs began the match in spectacular fashion and gave the hard tackling Italians a tough time.

A goal was always in the offing and it ultimately came in the 70th minute. Puc, who had limped off earlier with a cramp, returned to take a corner. As the ball finally went back to him he drove it hard and long past Combi.

## Grabbed

Some Italians were driven to such hysteria that they grabbed one of the Czech players hair through the wire netting. The soldiers had to set him free.

The Czechs could have wrapped up the match as minutes later Svoboda's shot hit the post and Sobotka would miss a fine chance. Surely their luck ran out and Italy got the equaliser eight minutes from time through a splendid goal.

Orsi the left winger took a pass from Guaita sped through the Czech defence, feinted to shoot with his left shot instead with his right and saw the ball curl and dip diabolically over custodian Planicka and into the net.

After the game Orsi claimed that it had been a premeditated shot and that he was quite capable at any time of repeating the swerving dipping shot that had deceived the Czech goalkeeper. Next day he tried to repeat it in front of the photographers twenty times with an empty goal and failed each time!

The fluke goal however gave reprieve to the Italian and the match went into extra time.

Meazza the inside forward was now limping but ironically it was through him that Italy got their winning goal in the seventh minute. The Czechs were not marking him tightly and Meazza served Gueita with a through pass who gave it to Schiavio. The centre forward skipped past Ciryoky and rifled the World Cup winning shot beyond the reach of a bewildered Planicka.

The grand designs of Mussolini came to pass as he proudly presented the Cup to Combi. The Italians had won the Cup and made a profit of one million lire in the process but to the world outside it had been a travesty of weak refereeing and home advantage.

"A sporting fiasco" said Jean Langenus the Belgian referee who supervised the 1930 Cup final and added "Italy wanted to win and it was natural. But they allowed it to be seen too clearly."

To be continued



# Indonesia - China clash probable

—By Shirish Nadkarni—

**S**LIGHTLY over a month ago, China demonstrated in no uncertain terms, the strength and depth of her badminton talent. At the All-England Championships, the debutant nation walked away with two titles, and had a runner-up representative in each of the two singles events, to boot. Arch rivals Indonesia, the erstwhile No. 1 nation in the world at the game, were sent bootless home without a single title.

It must have hurt the Indonesians. If that country is anything like our own, there must have been questions asked in their parliament. Certainly, badminton is a crowd-pulling game in Indonesia in much the same manner as Test cricket is in India. It will be remembered that when Liem Swie King was beaten by Prakash in the 1980 All-England final, a frenzied mob tore down the statue of King that had been erected in Jakarta the previous year when he had won the title!

Hence, Indonesia must be making frantic efforts to regain their lost prestige. And a chance to do that will come in a fortnight's time when they will, in all probability, clash with China in the finals of 1981-82 Thomas Cup series. Indonesia have held the cup, symbol of international men's team supremacy, ever since the fade-out of Malaysia in the mid-sixties, and they would hate to let the Chinese take it from them at the first attempt!

For the first time since the competition was held there in 1948-49, England will be hosting the inter-zone and final ties of this world championship for men's teams. As many as 26 countries were in the fray for the

current series; and they were divided into four main zones—the Australasian (3 nations), European (7), Pan-American (6) and the Asian (8). The winners of these zonal ties are to be joined by holders Indonesia and hosts England for the inter-zonal ties.

This is the twelfth time that the cup is being contested for. After the first time, the final tie has always been held in the Far East, considering the fact that badminton is more popular in Asia than in the West, and also because the ultimate winners have invariably been Asian. This year, with sponsorship money pouring into badminton, England has ambitiously offered to stage the final five clashes (two quarterfinals, two semis and the final) on her soil.

The six countries competing in these ties, to be played at five different venues in England between 10th and 21st May, include the holders and the hosts, and the winners of the four geographical zones—Malaysia, China, Denmark and either the USA or Japan. The earlier ties are to be held at Huddersfield, Gloucester, Preston and Birmingham, while the final will be played at the venue that has hosted the London Masters over the last three years—the tradition-rich Royal Albert Hall.

The second day of the two-day final at the Hall, near South Kensington (a western suburb of London) will be graced by the presence of Queen Elizabeth II—an event that has been described by British journalists as "a royal accolade to the Thomas Cup competition, and to badminton itself."

The luck of the draw pits the host

nation England against Malaysia at Gloucester. The latter are no longer the tremendous force they were when they swept all before them in the first three competitions (1948-55). In those days, they could call on the mite of Wong Pang Soon, Ooi Teik Hook, Ong Poh Lim and the famous Choong brothers, Eddy and David.

Indonesia recorded a hat-trick of wins thereafter, in 1958, '61 and '64 before Malaysia came fighting back with a real brawl of a 4-3 (uncompleted tie) triumph over Indonesia in Jakarta, in the 1966-67 series. Malaysia had some greats in their squad—Tan Aik Huang, Tan Yee Khan and the bounding midget Ng Boon Bee.

The tie had to be abandoned with Malaysia leading 4-3, and up 15-2, 10-2 in the first of the reverse doubles. There was constant unfair barracking from the 12,000-strong crowd jampacking the Senayan Sports Complex, when they saw their heroes on the precipice edge of defeat; they just would not let the tie continue. Obviously, Malaysia would have walked through that eighth match.

## Bolstered

Since then the Malaysian star has shone less brightly, and it has been Indonesia all the way, bolstered in the main by Darmadi and Muljadi in the earlier years, eight-times All-England champion Rudy Hartono right through the seventies, (including the triumph in 1970 itself); Liem Swie King and the two superb doubles combinations of Tjun Tjun-Johann Wahjudi and Ade Chandra-Christian Hadinata, who between them have won eight All-England doubles crowns.

But to get back to the draw of the 1981-82 series, England, with the advantage of home conditions and crowd, are very evenly balanced against Malaysia, whose most recent triumph was that of the teenaged Sidek brothers, Razif and Jalaini, in the 1982 All-England Championships. The third of the Sideks and the eldest, Miabun is also playing very well indeed, but Malaysia lack a good second singles player.

England, on the other hand, have a reasonably balanced squad, with Steve Baddeley (their new national champion), Ray Stevens and Kevin Jolly shouldering the burden of the singles, and with Mike Tredgett-Martin Dew being outstanding in the doubles. Probably, England have an edge, and if they win, they run into Indonesia at Birmingham in any case, on current form, neither

## England call up Prakash

**E**NGLAND have stolen a march on Malaysia with their Thomas Cup badminton clash less than a fortnight away.

For manager Ciro Ciniglio has arranged for 1980 All England champion and 1981 runner-up Prakash Padukone to help with squad training in Gloucester.

The Danish-based Indian star joins the players as they start the big build-up for the match on May 12 and 13 which could bring a semi-final showpiece with holders Indonesia in Birmingham four days later.

Ciniglio says: "I approached Prakash three months ago about this. He already comes over occasionally from Denmark to practice with Ray Stevens at

Redbridge. Having him at Gloucester will be a big help."

Meanwhile, Ciniglio and his selectors picked the England squad... but it won't be announced until later.

"We don't want to tip off the Malaysians before the deadline. But we'll be taking eight or ten players to Gloucester."

And Middlesex youngster Dipak Tailor could be among them. He's a possibility for the doubles, was as far as Ciniglio would be drawn by. I understand he has been practising with Stevens and will be the surprise selection.

Ciniglio and coach Paul Wetnall have drawn up a Gloucester training programme designed to get the players in the right frame of mind.

# Thomas Cup Finals preview

England nor Malaysia stand any chance against Indonesia. Indonesia may loose upto a maximum of three matches but they are reasonably certain of the five matches they need to make sure of entering the final yet again.

The latest report from Jakarta is that the incomparable Hartono has rejoined the squad that will make the trip to England. His most recent achievement is the beating in three stiff games (at 18-17 in the decider) of Swiss King Hartono may be 33 but he is no push over. He King and Hadyanto should be more than adequate for anything that Blighty can throw at them.

In the other half of the draw Denmark clash with either the USA or Japan at Huddersfield. The last named two were to have clashed with each other in the first week of April but the results have not quite reached us. Denmark however with reigning All England champion Morten Frost Hansen, Flemming Dals and 21 year old student Jens Peter Nierhoff in their ranks should prove too strong for Kinji Zeniya, Masao Tsuchida, Toshihiro Tsuji and Co. likely winners over the Americans.

The semifinals in this half should see Denmark square off against China at Preston. In spite of Frost's considerable skill the best that they are likely to be able to achieve is a 2-7 margin against the newcomers to the competition who have shown their versatility in every event except the mixed doubles in the last few international events they have



All England champ Morten Frost Hansen current form too good

played. Luan Jin, Han Jian, Chen Changjie and Chen Tianlung take care of all singles requirements while Sun Zhan Yao, Ximing and Luan Jin Lin Jiangli will be very strong in the doubles.

Everything points to a final confrontation between China and Indonesia—a match that would be an epic. There is no shielding players now. All battle lines are drawn and all aces are face-up on the table. National prestige will be at stake. It could be the Match of the Century and it will need a strong hearted person to accurately predict the result of each match in the tie and put his money down on it!

Over all China has the faintest of edges. Indonesia's strength lies in the doubles. If Rudy Hartono's genius and experience are preferred to Lius



China's Luan Jin strong fighter

Pongoh's youth and bustle for the third singles the second doubles will probably once again see Swiss King team up with Christian Hadinata—since a country can nominate just six players for the tie. The other doubles combination will almost certainly be the 1981 All England champs Kartono and Heriyanto considering how poorly Tjun Tjun and Wahjudi fared recently at Wembley being thrown out unceremoniously at 10-15, 2-15 in their very first outing by China's young Chen Tianlung and Chen Yao.

However in the singles China holds the whip hand. It is difficult to see Hartono at 33 lasting all the way in a gruelling three setter against any of the



Chen Changjie will help boost China's badminton image

fit young Chinese. In all probability Luan Jin will play the third singles considering the fact that he will also have two tough doubles matches. Between Hartono and Luan Jin I would give the latter a 65-35 chance.

That leaves King to try and take two matches against Changjie and Han Jian. He could do it but it will be no easy proposition. King played superbly against Changjie in the initial stages of his clash against the Chinaman at Wembley leading 15-1 and 9-2 before the burly Changjie shook of his nerves. The result of the second game—17-16 to King—was in doubt until the very last moment and had the match gone to a decider King would have had his hands full for the Chinese player did not look unduly tired.

Since he took the world by storm as China's premier player a couple of years ago Han Jian's form has been on the downgrade. The nadir came at Wembley recently when he crashed out at 4-15, 4-15 in a quarterfinal to Frost Hansen. But the Chinaman is a fighter of the top drawer and given the slightest chance can get back into a match he can be considered to have lost! He showed how against Hadyanto at the Indian Masters last November.

The sides are evenly matched and the ultimate result will most probably be a win by a whisker—5-4 for either team. My personal shirt would go on China's back but I know several other keen students of the game who would give their vote to Indonesia. The match itself will be a connoisseur's dream.

## Players confront the BAI

**T**HE Badminton Association of India (BAI) has for far too many years, gone its own chosen way, complacent in the thought that none existed to question its doings or its regime. SPORTSWEEK has always tried to present a balanced picture in its columns, handing out bouquets and brickbats to the association and players alike, when deserved.

Obviously, the revelations of the murky machinations at the helm of the BAI in several recent issues of this magazine have hit home hard. For once, senior BAI officials are showing signs of distinct uneasiness instead of meeting any sort of criticism with thick-skinned stolidness, as they used to do when they were undisputed rulers of the badminton roost. And to add to their bother, the recent united front put up by the players has demonstrated to them that they can no longer go their merry way without being accountable for their actions.

Details of the first salvo fired by the players on what has come to be called the 'Sharma episode', were provided in SW last week. This writer could not, unfortunately, be present in Panaji, Goa, where the second round took place. But unbiased sources have provided inside information on what happened at Panaji; and when added to newspaper accounts of happenings there, the whole story can be pieced together.

### No exemptions

Before leaving Bombay for Goa, the players had sent a telegram to the BAI, demanding the unconditional dropping of the ban on Sanjay Sharma. The second demand was that each and every player from the top bunch must be made to play the trials; and there should be no exemptions. The styling of the trials would have to be a round-robin tournament where every player in the draw played every other player.

The letter demand meant that Syed Modi, national champion for the last two years, would have to play the trials, instead of being exempted as he had been in Goa. Prakash Padukone has been ruled ineligible to represent this country at the 1982 Asian Games; the dispute on this point is still pending a final decision at the hands of the International Badminton Federation and the International Olympic Committee.

The logical deduction is that Modi's sympathies apparently do not lie with his fellow-players, and that he is not a party to the united front put up by them. Actually, in all fairness, there is nothing wrong with the demand that all eligible players be asked to play in the round-

robin. The chances are very strong that Modi would emerge undefeated, but then he would have to work hard for it, and the round-robin would have the finer edge of his game.

The day after they arrived in Goa, six of the players met the BAI officials, and reiterated the two main demands. They said they would not play any trials at that stage, after Fazil Ahmed, senior vice-president, asserted that the suspension on Sharma could be only lifted on the 19th May at the earliest—the matter would come up before the executive committee in the course of the meeting planned on that date.

However, Ahmed assured the players that he would "do his personal best and use his good offices" to get the ban lifted; and that, when the trials were finally held, Sharma would be permitted to participate in them, provided he gave a letter of apology to the BAI for the article that had appeared under his name in SPORTSWEEK on the Indo-



*National champion Syed Modi, his sympathies apparently do not lie with his fellow players*

China Thomas Cuptia in January. These facts were reported in the Free Press Journal of 27th April.

Sharma is reported to have maintained that he had done nothing wrong, and that an apology was uncalled for. The BAI averred that he had violated a mandate on policy matters, copies of which had been circulated to all the member state associations. Sharma apparently was ignorant of such a circular; and he thereupon wrote a letter of regret that he had possibly violated a policy in ignorance, and that it would not happen again. This letter was seized by the BAI as an 'apology', and widely circulated to the press.

The men players agreed to play in an exhibition tournament in Panaji, but these would not be considered 'trials'. Sharma was not permitted to play, as he remained under suspension.

The women players expressed their unhappiness at the draw, and correctly

said that it should have been a round-robin. The draw, though not converted to a round-robin, was modified, and selection trials for the women went on unhindered.

How Madhumita Goswami played very well indeed, to confirm the fact that she is today the country's top female player; how Ameeta Kulkarni reached the final, ending a long lean patch by beating former national champion Ami Ghia; and how Partho Ganguli won the man's singles event, have been reported in the daily press in detail; and need not be gone into here.

The trials for the men will now be held after the meeting of the BAI executive on the 19th; the exact date and venue will be notified later. The BAI has had a taste of what the Pakistan Cricket Board faced a couple of months ago. Whether they will be able to take the same harsh stand that Nur Khan took, remains to be seen. If they maintain the suspension on Sharma on the flimsy grounds they have, and the players continue to present one united front, they will have to look for a totally new team, apart from, perhaps, Syed Modi.

### Retained

Perhaps a standby effort in that direction is being considered. The uniformed players participating in the Panaji trials (and who were not among the hard core of the 'rebels') have been retained in a separate camp to develop the promise they have shown. Anil De of Bengal (24), who performed very creditably, is the oldest player of the bunch; the others, reigning junior national champion Anup Sethi, Sanjay Malhotra and Surash Thomas of Kerala are all teenagers.

The likeliest course of action is that the BAI will capitulate on Sharma suspension issue. Building a new team at this stage will inevitably mean that the whole affair gets even more publicity. The last thing that the BAI would desire at this stage would be to drag all their affairs out into the open.

Skeletons would emerge from the cupboard. Like the tale of the manager of one of our recent teams abroad, who would be found inebriated at any time of the day or night, and sleeping in his room while our team played its matches. Or, another senior team official who was appointed to look after the team at all times on a tour overseas; but spent a lot of his time in another country. How one of his close family members managed to be on the scene at the same time, and at whose expense, would not be a matter that the official would like revealed!

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# Atrocious happenings mar Cal hockey

**T**HE death-knell to hockey in Calcutta took place in the second week of April when umpires were the target in a series of atrocious happenings that rocked the maiden proceedings. What surprised the lovers of the game was that instead of improving the standard which has dropped to nadir, the players indulged in not only assaulting the upholders of the law on the playing field but using their hockey sticks to inflict injury on them.

Though tempers ran high in most of the matches ever since the league started, it developed up into a brawl on April 8 when holders, Mohun Bagan and Eastern Railway Athletic Association (ERRA) were playing their Group A league tie. The match had to be abandoned, with hardly 11 minutes of play, as an ERRA goal was disallowed by the umpire Samar Mukherjee, on the grounds that following a penalty corner hit the ball had not been stopped. This followed heated exchanges between the players of the Railway team who 'gheraoed' and heckled him. At the heat of the moment one of the players, R. Chatterjee, swung his hockey stick which landed below Samar Mukherjee's belt.

Immediately, Samar brought out the most dreaded red card and penalized the player. One can very well imagine the plight of the umpire at this action who had so long shown cool and calm. But ERRA players now further enraged changed their grievance to the withdrawal of the red card. Good sense, however, prevailed among the ERRA

officials who rushed to pacify the players and resume the game. The penalized player who was, at the instance of his colleagues, going out of the field suddenly turned to strike once again at Samar Mukherjee. His colleagues came in the way and saved the situation. Both Mukherjee and his colleague Swapan Dutta at the other end found things a little difficult to swallow and blew the final whistle.

As if this incident was not enough, at the other ground on the same day Calcutta Customs showed their dissatisfaction over the award of a goal against the newly promoted MMC Customs players, and caught hold of the umpire concerned and were on the verge of assaulting him but timely intervention prevented the match from an ugly scene and it resumed without further incident.

Worse, however, was yet to come when three days later players of Entally A.C. let loose hell on two comparatively younger umpires supervising the match against MMC—Paul Kuo and Nathaniel. Paul who was more stricter than his colleague found himself in a worse dilemma when his decision to give marching orders to one of the Entally players. This irked the players who immediately after long whistle made a bee-line at Paul and one of them hit him mercilessly on the face. The profusely bleeding Paul fell on the ground but in a minute was up again to face the challenge.

Being a Sunday the Police force exerted one on mounts had taken a day

off and there was not a single member of the St. John's Ambulance to take care of the injured umpire.

There were, however, the mounted police who came to the ground but by then the culprits had left the field. Kuo was determined to get the offenders, booked and reported to the police who managed to locate the player concerned who was later arrested. The player, Ranesh Ganguly, was released on bail the next day.

All these three incidents took place in a matter of four days. With the local dailies blaring big headlines the Bengal Hockey Association woke up from its slumber and acting in concert. In a couple of days time the league sub-committee suspended R. Chatterjee of ERRA from playing for the rest of the season—an action which was long overdue. The action of the another match has not been taken as it is sub-judice. Nevertheless the players of other clubs have found umpires on their toes and supervision much stricter and better end there is enough of police force to protect them too.

There is a note of warning to the umpires who have been taking things unduly easy. In fact, they are partly to be blamed for this sorry state of affairs. Had they been firm in their approach and cared more for the rules of the game the players would have shown respect to them. Not only that the game too would have been cleaner than what one sees in Calcutta these days.

SW Correspondent

**T**HE first International Handball Tournament organised at Hyderabad under the auspicious of the Handball Federation of India turned out to be a farce.

Originally seven foreign teams were to participate and finally when the tournament started only three nations—Egypt, Saudi Arabia and hosts India—participated. To make the tournament rather a little more respectable, the Indian team which is now stationed here for the pre-Asian coaching camp was divided into two and that raised the number of teams to four. The tournament was played on round robin style among these four teams.

It so happened that on the final day, when Saudi Arabia and Egypt were to play their final round, the organisers announced that due to political reasons, the two teams had disagreed to play. Since it was Saudi Arabia which expressed its desire not to play against Egypt, the match was considered as a walk over in favour of Egypt, who automatically emerged unconquered winners of the tournament.

Saudi Arabia who had defeated both the Indian teams—India Blues and India Yellows—were placed second. India

## International H'ball tourney a farce

Blues who is supposed to be the top team of the country gained the third place when they beat India Yellows with a slender 15-12 goals.

What has been the talk of the town is that the Handball Federation of India had fooled the public by not only announcing and publishing through posters and newspapers that some top nations were participating in this international tournament, but also kept the public assuring till the last minute that any moment a couple of teams would arrive. But none other than the two arrived.

The Federation had collected substantial amount of money from the Andhra Pradesh Sports Council, and other public sectors for conducting this tournament under such false assuran-

ces. The government of Andhra Pradesh had hosted the teams in a five-star hotel.

It is understood that the teams bore their own travel expenditure. Despite all these defaults the treatment to the Indian players meted by the Federation was most disgraceful. Since the team was undergoing a coaching camp, no special attention to their diet or other facilities were paid.

They were just treated as an ordinary team. It was a disgraceful sight to witness when the two Indian teams were present with multi-coloured dress on the field for inauguration and also when they entered the field they had different colour shorts.

They were not given a specific uniform. What has happened to all the money the Federation received? The result was the clear indication of the standard of play that our country has.

Sometimes our players failed to utilise the penalty shots. Since this game is being included in the Asian games, the fate of the tournament will be a matter for the readers to guess for the simple reason that some of the neighbouring countries are having strained political relationship.

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# True test of close handicapping lies in betting position, not finish

**T**HERE'S never a dull moment in Indian racing because of the almost around-the-year inter-state offcourse betting. But, let's face it, this is the time of the year when there is the least activity because there is racing at only one centre and because of that, there is time and space to dwell on important matters, other than the activity on the track.

Unlike the last two years, very short-priced runners are not dominating at Ooty and there are those who will say this is bad news as the public choices are being beaten. In order to fully savour the goodness of toothy statements, it is necessary to clearly comprehend what is the public choice, how it becomes so and whether the description is a correct one.

The public choice, or the favourite, is clearly the one who has attracted the most money in any given race. Does a horse which has attracted the most money also have the support of the majority of those present?

On the face of it it should be so, but it is not always so in fact. The explanation is simple. The combined betting effort of 1,000 punters, wagging Rs 10 each on a particular horse is not equal to the bet of a single individual who has wagered Rs 20,000. Thus, there are innumerable cases in which the horse

carrying the most money does not have the support of the majority of the punters.

It necessarily follows that if that horse wins, the pay out is substantial and the bookmakers, as a body, have probably lost. But, and from the average racegoers point of view this is of more importance, the majority of the punters have lost. A knowledge of simple arithmetic will show, accordingly, that the favourite is not always the public choice.

Admittedly, this is a contradiction in terms and, again admittedly, it is a matter of splitting hairs, but it needs to be clarified to give the reader a correct perspective and to show the claim that racing is above board and that the supervision is par excellence because favourites win is to pull the wool over the racegoer's eyes, even though it may be done unwittingly.

Every time there is a close finish, fulsome praise is lavished on the dispenser of the weight. This, again, is not quite correct. It is fairly well known that a variety of factors, most of them unpredictable, influence the result of a race.

So, if the finish is a close one it is not necessarily so because of the handicaps

allotted although, in theory, the purpose of handicapping is to give every runner an equal chance and this, in theory again, should result in a multiple dead heat.

Thus, the true test of close handicapping is the betting position prior to the start of the race and not the scene at the finish. If the betting is open it follows that the punters do not give any particular horse a marked preference and this means that the handicapper has done his job well.

There are many racing men, especially the oldstager traditionalists, who maintain that racing will be cleaner if there is a tote monopoly as is the case in America and Europe (in England it is not so).

## Fades

Such a dream fades further into the distance with every passing year and it is a very safe bet that, even if the state governments throw their weight in its favour, there will be no tote monopoly in India in the next 50 years at least.

To start with, most of the tote equipment on our recourses is outmoded and is totally unequal to the strain that will result from the abolition of the bookmakers. To follow is the growing increase in ring betting with the corresponding decrease in tote investment and this is particularly so on offcourse betting, which, as everybody knows, is the life blood of every race club.

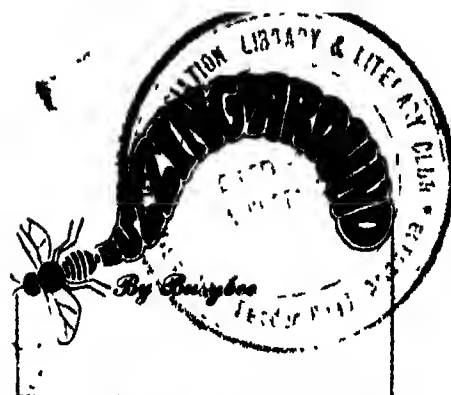
While the number of licensed bookmakers is stepped up the number of operational tote windows goes down.

To emphasise this point, take the situation in Bombay and Pune where because of the RWTC's acceptance and declaration policy, there is a sharp decline in the volume of tote betting but a great upsurge in ring betting which more than compensates for the loss of tote revenue and keeps the authorities happy enough to continue with a policy which has alienated most racegoers although it is undeniably good for the sport.

That some of the malpractice on the course is the doing of bookmakers is self-evident, for a bookmaker has a personal stake, and a larger one at that, in the outcome of a race while the tote is totally impersonal as it makes no difference to its earnings who wins.

In that respect a tote monopoly is advantageous.





**S**INCE England is the home of cricket and the sporting Englishmen continue to be the masters of the game, it would be advisable for the Indian team now touring that country to learn from the last English team that visited India and behave exactly like it

In case the lessons of the last English tour have not been learnt or forgotten, I am giving the following pointers

Keep complaining about the food. In any case, the food in England is so gross, bland and unvaried that even Frenchmen, who do not play cricket, complain about it

Complain about the accommodation. I would advise the Indian team to complain about the accommodation

whether they are put up in a hotel like the Taj or in the YMCA

would not advise the team to complain about the umpires before the first Test. Then, when the Indians lose the first Test, they should start finding fault about the umpires. A good strategy would be to refuse to play in the second Test unless one of the two umpires appointed by the English board is



withdrawn. Such a move always gets the home team's goat and demoralises all the umpires.

Find faults with the wickets. Find them to be either too fast or too slow, over-prepared or under-prepared or prepared for the English bowlers.

If there are too many receptions and

parties arranged by the hosts, complain that the team is being over-taxed by the social programmes and cannot concentrate on the government. If there are too few such social engagements, complain that the team is being ignored, especially in this season of the Festival of India

As for the weather, since you cannot complain about the heat, complain about the cold. And the rains, very definitely the rains

Take full co-operation from the Indian cricket correspondents accompanying the team. When you yourselves cannot find excuses for your defeats, get your correspondents to find them

Occasionally, slam your bat across the wickets to express your disapproval with the umpires' low decisions. Occasionally, stand your ground for a minute after the umpires' finger goes up

At the end of the tour make it a point to thank the previous English team that toured India for teaching you all the tricks of the business

In conclusion, I would strongly recommend the Indian team to adopt all these tactics. It may not help us to win the series against England, but that does not matter. After all, England also did not win in India



**Q** WHO is the first batsman to score a century before lunch in Tests?

—Vinayak S. Surve, (Bombay-4)

**A** Y. S. RANJITSINHJI. He did so on the third day of the second Test against Australia at Manchester in 1896 when he earned his score from 41 overnight to 154 not out

**Q** HOW many bowlers have claimed a wicket with the first ball they bowled in a Test match?

—Gurmeet Singh Meen, (Mandi Gobind Garh, Patiala)

**A** SIX men have performed the feat. They are A. Coningham (Australia), G.G. Macaulay (England), M.W. Tate (England), T. Johnson (West Indies), R. Howarth (England) and Intikhab Alam (Pakistan).

**Q** HOW many centuries have been scored by Geoff Boycott, Ian

Botham and David Gower in Tests? What are their highest scores and aggregates?

—Abbas Fallah (Hyderabad)

**A** BOYCOTT has scored 22 centuries in 108 Tests. He has the most runs in Test history with 8,114 at an average of 47.72. His highest is 246 not out on his first appearance against India in the opening Test at Leeds in 1967. Botham has nine Test centuries to his credit. In 47 Tests he has made 2,417 runs with 149 not out in the second innings of the third Test against Australia at Leeds in 1981 as his best effort. Gower has hit up four Test centuries. In 37 Tests he has scored 2,417 runs with 200 not out on his first appearance against India at Birmingham in 1979 as his highest

**Q** WHAT is Australian Allan Border's Test record?

—Faisal Egbal (Patna 7)

**A** HE has scored 3,013 runs in 39 Tests at an average of 50.21. He has registered nine centuries with 162 in the first Test against India at Madras in 1979-80 as his best

**Q** WHO is the top scorer for India past and present?

—Jagdish Prasad Sharma, (Bhubaneswar-6)

**A** SUNIL GAVASKAR. In 75 Tests, he has played 134 innings, nine times not out, and hit up 8,718 runs

**Q** WHAT are the bowling records of England spinners Ken Higgs, George Hirst, Doug Wright and Eric Hollies?

—Sanjeev Madhi (Gauhati)

**A** IN 14 Tests, Higgs sent down 3,761 deliveries, 174 maidens and took 69 wickets for 1,352 runs at an average of 19.59. Claimed five wickets in an innings twice. Hirst sent down 3,979 balls, 146 maidens, in 24 Tests and claimed 59 wickets for 1,770 runs at 30.00, with five wickets in an innings thrice. Hollies played in 13 Tests. He sent down 3,554 balls, 176 maidens, and captured 44 wickets for 1,332 runs (ave 30.27), with five wickets in an innings five times. In 34 Tests Wright bowled 8,141 deliveries, 176 maidens and took 108 wickets for 4,224 runs at 39.11 with five wickets in an innings six times and 10 wickets in a match once

**Q** A BATSMAN is run out while attempting a second run. Will any run be credited to him?

—Prem K. Menon (Bombay 16)

**A** YES one



"Fantastic! You've done a President Reagan butt out!"



**VICTOR KORCHONI** who had overwhelmingly won the last years Banco di Roma (Italy) tournament was not as successful this year

He trailed the Hungarian Pinter (who made his first GM norm) and finally they finished in 7 7 tie (out of 9) for the first place. Other results: Mariotti (I) 5½, Benko (USA) and Marovic (Y) 4½, Tatai (I) 4, Robatsch (A) and Zichichi (I) 3½, Soos (BRD) 3, Unzicker (BRD) 2½

#### MARIOTTI-KORCHONI

1 e4 e5 2 Nc3 Nf6 3 g3, Bb4 4 Bg2 00 5 Nge2 c6 6 00, d5 7 axd5 cxd5 8 d4 exd4 9 Nxd4 Bxc3 10 bxc3 Nbd7 11 Bf4 Nb6 12 Nb5 Bf5 13 Nd6 Be4 14 Bh3! Nc4 15 Nxe4 Nxe4 16 Qd4 Qa5 17 Rfa1 Raa8 18 Bf1 Na3 19 Bd3 Re6 20 f3 Nc5 21 Bf5, Rf6 22 Qxd5 Qxc3 23 Rad1 Rxf5 24 Qxf5 Nxc2 25 Ba5 Qc4 26 Bxg7!! Kxg7 29 Qg5ch Kh8 30 Rd8! Nd7 31 Ree8! Qd4ch 32 Kg2 Qg7 33 Qa7 Kg8 34 Qxd7 1 0

2 Nc3) Vienna Game, 2. Nf3 3 f4 can turn it into Vienna Gambit

3 Bb4) Other variations are Vorotnikov-Antoshin, Urmala 1981 3 d5 4 exd5, Nxd5 5 Bg2, Nxc3 6 bxc3, Bd6 7 Ne2, 00 8 00, c6

Ivanov-Yudasin, Leningrad 1980 5 Be6 (i/o 5 Nxc3 above) 6 Nf3, Nc6 7 00, Be7 8 Re1, Nxc3 9 bxc3, Bf6 10 Ba3, Qd7 11 Qb1, 000 12 Rxe5! Bxe5 13 Nxe5, Qe8 14 Nxc6, bxc6 15 Qf1, Rxd2 16 Qe6ch, Kd8 17 Re1, Qd7! 18 Bxc6, Rd1! 19 Bxd7, Rxe1ch 20 Kg2, Kxd7 21 Qa4ch, Kc8 22 Qc6, Rd8 23 Qa6ch, Kd7, 24 Qb5ch, Kc8 25 Qa6ch, drawn

Pernishky-Peran, Bulgaria 1980 3 Bc5 4 Bg2, Nc6 5 Nf3, d6 6 d3, Bg4 7 h3, Be6 8 Na4, Qd7 9 Ng5, Bd4 10 c3, Bxf2ch 11 Kxf2, b5

8 exd4) 8 e4 is not good because of 9 Bg5 Be6 10 f3, exf3 11 Bxf3 with pressure on Black's QP

9 Bxc3?) Szanz-Balyavsky, Alikante 1978 9 Nc6 10 Bg5 Be7 11 Re1, h6 12 Bf4, Bc5 13 Be3, Bb6 14 h3, Re8 15 Qd3 Ne5 16 Qb5 Bxh3! 17 Bxh3, Bxd4 18 Bg2, Bxe3 19 Rxe3, a6 20 Qxb7 Rb8 21 Qa7, d4 22 Rd1, dxe3! 23 Rxd8 exf2ch 24 Qxf2, Rbxd8 25 Be4 Ne4 26 Qf4 g5 27 Qf3, Rd2 28 b4 Kg7 29 a4 Nf2, 0-1

15 Nxe4) With two Bishops for two Knights White has a considerable positional advantage now

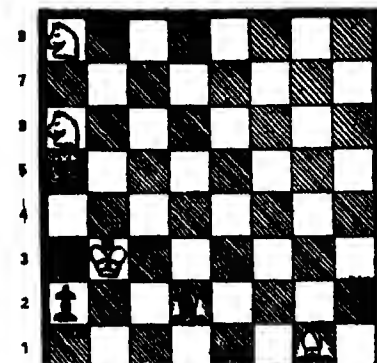
17 Raa8) 17... Qxc3? loses to 18.Rxe4 and if 17... Nxc3 18.Re7 is strong

18 Na3) Now 18 nxc3? is unplayable because of 19 Bxc4, dxc4 20.Bd2

23 Rad1) Not 23 Bd6? Rxf5 24.Qxf5, Qd4ch and 25 Qxd5 Now the threats 24 Bd6 and 24 Be5 force Black to give up the exchange

26 Kxg7) Black prefers a quicker defeat to a slower one in the end game after 26 Nxe1 27.Bxf8, Nxf3ch 28 Qxd3, Kxf8 29 Qxd5 30 Rxd5

#### END GAME



White-Kb3, Bg1, Ns-a6 vs black-Ka5, Bd2 Pa2

White to play and win



**OVER** the last twelve boards of the Nagpur Selection Trials Semi final league Karnataka struck invincible form against Dharmpur Sugar Mills

Karnataka dealt Dharmpur a death blow on this deal

(Positions switched for convenience)

Q 7 3 \* N 9  
A 9 8 4 2 W E Q 10 7  
K J 8 S Q 10 9 6 2  
8 4 A K 7 5  
K J 10 6 5 4 2  
K 8  
7 5  
Q 10

Open Room Karnataka N/S  
Dharmpur E W

None vul Dealer East

W (Campos)	N (Krishnan)	E (Ramesh Gokhale)	S (Vijaynathan)
—	—	P	1S
P	1NT	P	2S

All pass

Result N/S + 110

Karnataka snatched the board from under Dharmpur's very nose making a part score for its side on a deal where the enemy had superior artillery

In the Closed Room Karnataka not only bought the contract but they brought home a hair raising game on the E/W cards

W (Iyengar)	N (Jimmy)	E (Sattyan)	S (Mhatre)
—	—	10	1S
2H	2S	4H	All pass

Sattyan picked the right moment to bid his head off. First he opened on a moth eaten eleven points and then found a free raise to game on paper thin values

Iyengar justified his partner's faith in him. North let the SA and another spade which was as good a defence as any

Iyengar ruffed the second spade on board and drew the D10 putting up his King which lost to North's Ace. The Club

return was won in dummy and Iyengar played as if he'd seen all the cards. He played precisely for KB doubleton of trumps with South

Winning the Club return in dummy, he drew the HQ covered by King and Ace, ruffed a spade in dummy came up with DJ and elatedly drew trumps with the Q and 6. elatedly drew trumps with had only a doubleton spade and in the absence of this knowledge, he rightly decided that the heart combination which existed was the only one which could see him through

It may be that a duck of the first diamond would have been better defence but as it went it would have helped us little. Consistent with his line of play Iyengar would have ruffed the third spade on board and tackled hearts precisely in the way he did

Moreover, Iyengar's crafty handling of the diamond suit had left me guessing

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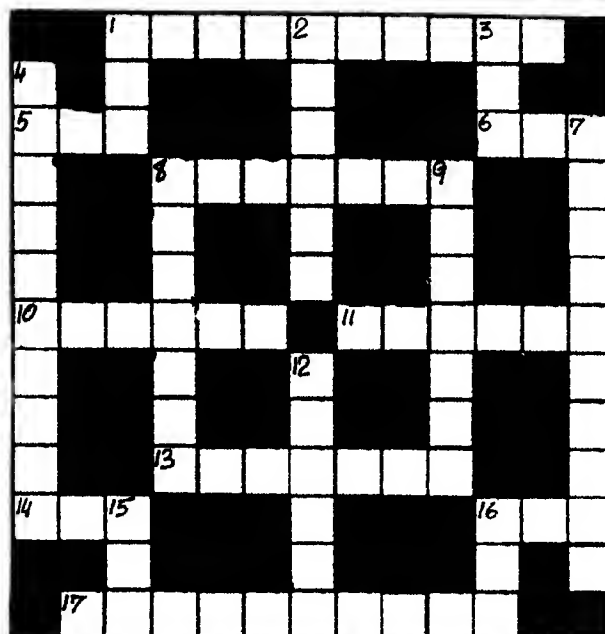
Karnataka, the winners of the Nagpur Selection Trials, after their victory over Dharmpur Sugar Mills

## ACROSS

- 1 Pakistan cricketer has a swimming champion in the end (4, 5)
- 5 Calcutta football tournament returns (1 1 1)
- 6 Popular hockey tournament — Khan (3)
- 8 1972 Olympic pole vault champion has a negative start and ends with a hair piece (7)
- 10 American tennis player has a metallic ending (6)
- 11 Former badminton international returns starting with a Mafia leader (6)
- 13 An editor starts an English cricketer (6, 1)
- 14 Court divider (3)
- 15 The owners of Wankhede Stadium (1, 1 1)
- 17 1976 Olympic women high jump champion starts with a book displays and ends with another woman (10)

## DOWN

- 1 Not the greatest now (3)
- 2 You can bowl this over in cricket (6)
- 3 Fuss comes up for an Olympic triple jump champion (3)
- 4 Indian Davis cupper starts with a decorative scarf (5, 5)
- 7 India has yet to win — in an individual event in the Olympic Games (1 4 5)
- 8 Tennis star with an angry disposition (7)
- 9 This is a craze in America coming up (7)



- 12 English cricketer coming up has a container inbetween (6)
- 15 You have this break inbetween a day's play in cricket (3)
- 16 Gaffer — Hogan (3)

*How much do you know?*



- 1 A ball from a fast bowler is rebounded off the wicketkeeper's pads and is picked up by the slip fielder, who in turn passes the ball to cover point to be returned to the bowler, while the batsmen take one run. Is the run allowed?
- 2 What is the signal for the start of a kho-kho match?
- 3 Which are the honour cards in bridge?
- 4 How long can you hold the ball in handball?
- 5 If the ball strikes a hockey umpire

during play should the game continue?

- 6 Can a discus thrower leave the circle before the discus had landed?
- 7 What should be the weight of a badminton shuttle?

## ANSWERS

1 No It's a dead ball 2 One long followed by one short blast of the whistle 3 Ace king queen jack and ten 4 A maximum of three seconds 5 Yes 6 No It's a foul 7 73 to 85 grains

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## Pen Friends Corner

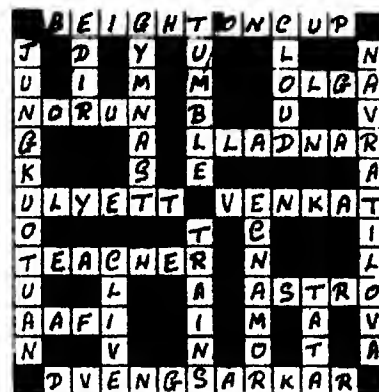
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- Sentranjan Sarkar, 24**  
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Calcutta-700 019  
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**Debasish Bai, 17,**  
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Calcutta - 700 031  
Cricket, stamps

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Lucknow - 226 004  
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**Sanjay Sharma, 18,**  
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penpals

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# MAIL BAG

## Sunil straddles the fence!

FROM the Centre of The Field, by Sunil Gavaskar (SW April 18) is an excellent piece of PRO-manship and does nothing to prove that Focus (SW April 25) did not contain more than an ounce of truth.

Sunil argues that it was the innocent organisers who would eventually suffer and this was the deciding factor in the team's decision to go on with the show.

Noble fellow these! Not for them the greedy thoughts that a defiant return would find it's echo in the remaining years of the contract.

And this means dough. Sunny's piece has the same insipid flavour as the one he used when hopelessly failing to justify his 'left-handed batting' and 'donkey-drops' in the Ranji trophy semi-finals. Something that not even the closest of his followers could swallow even with the proverbial pinch of salt!

His pitiable query as to whether the scribe wrote for money is surely not cricket and comes as a very great surprise, particularly from Sunil who is rumoured to charge one rupee per word for columns under his name.

Sunny, I bet, raked in a few lakhs on the Sharjah trip, and who can blame him? He is convinced that the players have no eye for money. But in the same breath, he cites the case of poor Salim Durrani to justify that a

## Bridge—From p 40

about the knave—a duck might have been a sell-out if my partner had held the knave.

What can you do, except raise your hat to opponents who rush into hair-raising games of this sort and bring them home as brilliantly as Iyengar did?

Apart from the excellent bridge which Karnataka produced in the Trials, what struck one was their exquisite table manners and superb temperament. They ran out worthy winners, making short shrift of the Holkar team in the finals.

The winning team consisted of: B. Krishnan (Captain), R C Mishra, A.S. Viswanathan, Ningiah, B K. Sattyan, S.K. Iyengar.

This team will be India's official representative for the Rosenblum Cup, in France, this autumn.

cricketer must do all he can while the going is good.

Perhaps that is his philosophy of life and it even prompted a comical effort to enter the celluloid world, which failed miserably.

There is a very slight line to demarcate between professionals and those playing for dough and Sunil appears to be sitting on the fence at least it appeared so in his piece.

Was this written for money? One might well ask.



And if one is to believe the Bangalore report that "Sunny declared the Indian innings one run short of the England total at Kanpur recently to satisfy some betting interests" then Sunny and Money have a lot in common and it is high time the tax sleuths began to perfect their own square drive!

—Baldev Ghambir, S. Singh  
(Vile Parle, Bombay-56).

## Episode rightly analysed

KUDOS to Trevor Manuel for his article on the Sharjah episode which he has analysed in a most rational manner. For long the Indian cricketers have been led to believe that they can get away with anything in this country.

Having seen Vengsarkar throw tantrums in front of thousands of spectators, it is hard to believe that he is capable of being calm and collected when provoked.

It is hardly surprising that certain officials and media men are trying to justify Vengsarkar's behaviour at the Dubai airport. But then didn't our authorities fail to take action against a certain Indian cricketer fined by a British court in 1974.

—Dr. K.N. Varde,  
(Dombivili, Thane.)

## That's enough

PARDON me if I appear rude, but I am really fed up with Dilip Vengsarkar's articles on his fellow Indian cricketers. Going through all the articles written by him so far, one gets the feeling that this Indian team has a fantastic lot of people—which I feel is not true.

Yes, it is damaging to write badly about ones fellow cricketers but surely Dilip, they are not so good as you say.

If an article cannot be written with the pros and cons—don't write it. I hope that this is

not the way to gain popularity with your fellow cricketers.

—Koshy Varghese,  
(Alaramapuram, Kerala-9).

## Congrats, Wankhede

CONGRATS, Wankhede for refusing the meeting for the reselection of the Indian team.

It was the correct time to avoid the birth of a new system of reselection. Some officials think that because some players have not been selected from their region, a reselection should take place.

This ridiculous suggestion was aptly nipped in the bud.

Good luck Sunny and your gallant boys.

—Nitin Shende,  
(Nagpur-10).

## Create Asiad atmosphere

INDIA is holding the Asiad in a mere six months time. A lot of tax-payers money and the sportsmen's sweat has been flowing for the past few months in the various camps. It would be in the fitness of things if your esteemed issue could devote at least a quarter of each issue to the preparation of the Games.

It is time athletics took a greater part of the public attention, for it is on them that the prestige of the country rests and it is they who will justify the 100-crore odd expenditure for the Games.

An attempt should be made to create the atmosphere of an important event in the minds of your readers and it was because of this lack of exposure that the Hockey World Cup turned out to be so ill-attended.

The Asiad cannot be made to suffer the same fate the befell the Fifth World Cup, in Bombay.

—Gautam Ojha,  
(Khar, Bombay-52).

## Boost for hockey

THE news of the appointment of Balbir Singh (Sr) as manager and Balkishen Singh as chief coach-designate of the national hockey team for the Champions Cup and the Asian Games has been read with a smile and a ray of hope.

Obviously, both these hockey greats have been crowned with hockey laurels in the international arena from time to time.

—Iqbal Singh Saroga,  
(Patiala, Punjab).

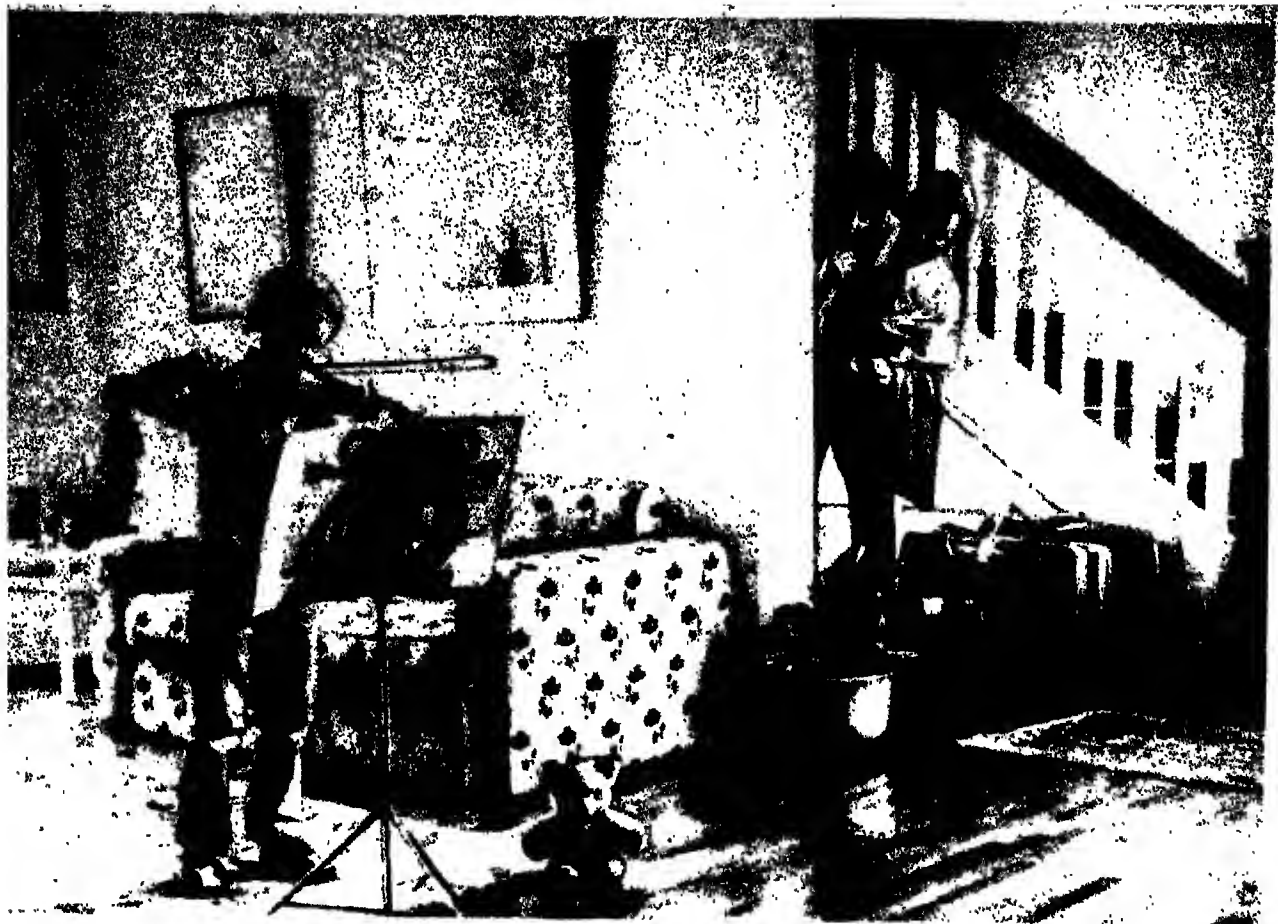
## Tribute to Bedi

IT is great tribute to Bishan Singh Bedi that he is the first ever cricketer to be conferred with the unique honour of addressing the United Nations Council on apartheid, which he has gracefully consented to address on May 7.

We hope that the Indian Cricket Board will also honour him in some capacity or the other.

—S.S. Maneckshaw,  
(Hyderabad-4).





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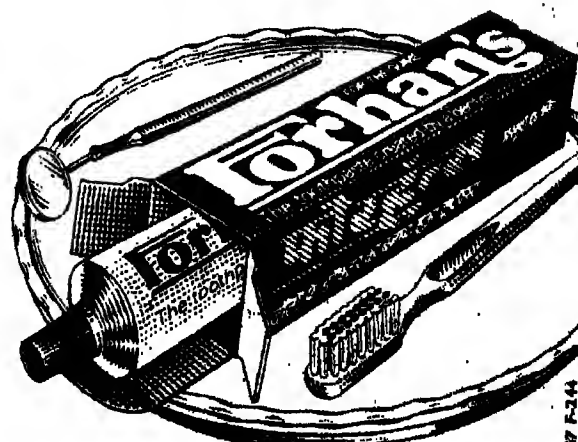


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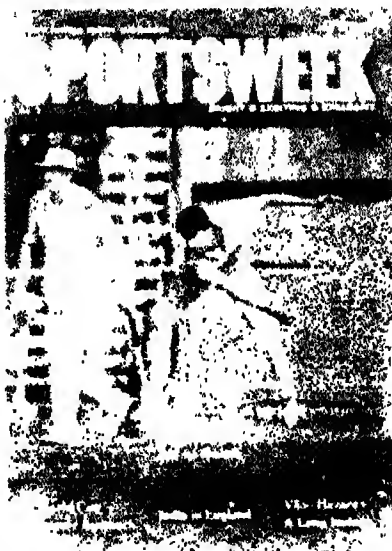
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**K**APIL DEV NIKHANJ, the 23-year-old allrounder from Haryana



obviously holds the key to India's success in the ensuing three-Test series against England.

For, time and again since he made his debut for India in Test cricket, Kapil Dev has been an integral part of the team's successes at home and abroad.

After the retirement of the famous spin-trio from the Test scene the mantle of spearheading the Indian attack fell on Kapil and over the years he became the youngest in Test cricket to perform the Double—1000 runs and 100 wickets.

In the recent India-England series at home Kapil was the leading strike bowler and was named the man of the series

Although in the forthcoming Tests against England, Kapil will not have to rub shoulders with Boycott and Gooch on the field, one expects a battle royal between him and England's Ian Botham.

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# Mahajan—quit, or else...

—By Sharad Kotnis—

**E**VER since the late fifties the record administratively as well as result wise, of the Indian Hockey Federation has been dismal and uninspiring. The main reason for this shocking state of affairs is the fractionalism, regionalism and many other factors that gave the IIF president a free hand in running the affairs of Indian hockey.

All these years the president and there were at least four of them remained firmly in saddle with the support of a few henchmen in return for some bread crumbs thrown here and there from time to time in the form of trips abroad as well as the offer of some lucrative posts within the federation.

This state of affairs has continued for a long time with the result that there were no hopes of improving matters. What has happened now during the past fortnight is a slur on our hockey. It is a crisis of the IHF's own making.

First the charges of alleged corruption against IHF president Inder Mohan Mahajan levelled by no less a person than the treasurer of the IHF Phalguni Matilal.

Then the sacking and rightly so of the manager and coach of the Indian hockey team Jhameshwar Sharma and Harmik Singh respectively for not being able to deliver the goods during the World Cup Hockey and the matches thereafter.

The quitting of the IHF treasurer in protest against the IHF executive standing by Mahajan when charges of corruption levelled against him.

And lastly the quitting of three senior players captain Surjit Singh, S.S. Grewal and Maharaj Kaushik from the camp on the eve of the selection of the Indian team for the Champions Trophy in Amsterdam and the subsequent European tour and the appointment of out of form Surinder Singh Sodhi as captain of the team.

The only silver lining to the cloud is the induction of five newcomers in the side which was sorely lacking in new blood and the appointment of triple olympian Balbir Singh as the manager of the side.

The spate of events over the week end and the allegations and counter allegations clearly stinks and one has to hang his head in shame for these sordid happenings in the IHF.

Though former captain Prithpal Singh has described Surjit's decision to quit as a daring act to expose the mismanagement and misdeeds of the IHF, one may not be inclined to agree with his views.

It may be remembered that Surjit

once was summarily removed from the camp on disciplinary grounds before the Moscow Olympics and returned through back door tactics mainly due to the efforts of Mahajan. In the process shunting out the Moscow Olympic victorious skipper Bhaskaran.

Surjit could not take his place in the team for granted. Age has caught up with him and he was not his usual self in the World Cup in Bombay. His reflexes were slow and there was no punch in his penalty corner shots. And so this is a clear case of quitting when he came to know that the axe would fall on him. The same goes for the other two players Kaushik and Grewal.

When they learned that they are going to be dropped, they came out and hit at the IHF administration for the ill-



Inder Mohan Mahajan

of Indian hockey. It would have been better if they would have fought the hockey administration while they were in the team and that would have made their case solid and substantial. Now it appears to be purely a case of sour grapes.

Surjit, who has fallen out with the IHF president, believes that he has been victimised for his differences with the establishment. He says he could not get along with the president on many issues including the disbursement of allowances to players not only on the tour of Pakistan but in some of the tournaments in which the IHF team took part. He has also accused Mahajan of too much interference in the selection of the team and other related matters.

Mahajan has refuted these

allegations saying that he has vouchers signed by the players for the receipt of the allowances and that they were paid more than what was due to them. He has also stated that Surjit was consulted on all selection matters.

There are allegations and counter allegations and a hockey lover is at a loss and cannot know who is at fault. It is therefore in the fitness of things that a thorough probe is ordered by the government in the affairs of the Indian Hockey Federation. No longer should the IHF bosses take refuge under the pretext that theirs is an autonomous body.

In the interest of Indian hockey it is high time that Mahajan MUST answer the following charges before an impartial inquiry officer instead of explaining his stand to his henchmen in the executive committee.

- Why have the IHF accounts remained unaudited for six long years? Even if it is a legacy from his predecessors, he has been in power for two years during which an attempt could have been made to set the matter right. It is no use blaming the treasurer on this count.

- Why has no general body meeting been convened since Mahajan has assumed office? Why have all decisions been taken by him alone or at executive committee level?

- Why should Mahajan hold the portfolio of the chairman of the selection committee as well? Is it with the intention of dabbling in the selection matters and to ensure that players from his region are included?

- Why should Mahajan be with the team on all tours and have a hand in all decisions, most of them taken arbitrarily without the consent of those who should have been consulted? His presence with the team abroad is costing the IHF money as also the taxpayer.

- Why should Mahajan handle cash transactions under the disguise of entertaining foreign teams? Surely it is not the function of the president. There are allegations against him for misuse of funds and contravention of the foreign exchange act, even though his executive committee has cleared him of these charges.

The public and hockey lovers in particular have a right to know the correct state of affairs and under the circumstances, Mahajan MUST face an inquiry or MUST quit in the larger interest of Indian hockey.

# A slide at the start

— By Henry Blofeld —

INDIA'S defeat by 10 wickets by Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI at Arundel should not be allowed to give anyone even the slightest misgivings. In the bitterly cold conditions in which probably only the English would play cricket, the game was near enough impossible for players who have only just left the heat of India.

In fact, most of the Indian batsmen had some worthwhile practice and Yashpal Sharma, who I think could easily be one of the successes of the tour, was the pick of the bunch although Malhotra also batted pleasantly for a time.

The bowlers, too, all had a chance to loosen up and the exercise had its value even if they did not manage to take a wicket. People may think that it was

strange that the weather was too bad for the Indians, and yet it was a Pakistani, Sadiq Mohammed, who scored a 100 for the Duchess's XI.

The answer to that is simply that Sadiq has for many years now been playing in the county championship for Gloucestershire and that weather of this sort is as familiar to him as the blue skies of Karachi and Lahore.

The tour starts in earnest when Sunil Gavaskar's side plays Warwickshire in their opening first-class game at Edgbaston.

But if the weather continues to be as unpleasant as it has been it will once again give the home side an unfair advantage.

Warwickshire—Dilip Doshi's old

## First-ball flop Sunny is left out in the cold

FOR all its Old World hospitality and charm Arundel Castle is not giving touring cricket captains much of a welcome these days.

Like Australia's Kim Hughes a year ago, India's Sunil Gavaskar was out left before first ball in this traditional opening match of the tour.

To make the embarrassment even more acute, the shivering Indians were beaten rather more heavily than the Aussies had been by Lavinia, Duchess of Norfolk's XI.

Last year the margin was only three wickets but this time the Duchess's scratch side, containing former England players Richard Hutton, Tony Lewis, John Jameson, John Snow and Robin Hobbs, won by 10 wickets.

There was only one ball left when they passed the Indian's 45 overs total of 201 for five but that was only because the Gloucester pair of Sadiq Mohammed and Andy Stovold timed it to perfection.

Sadiq, the Pakistani left hander, won the man of the match award for his 107 including eight 4's. Stovold made 90.

It was a chilling start for the tourists, particularly the newcomers to England,

who will obviously take a while to get used to the unfamiliar and at the moment unfriendly conditions.

Two of them—Pranob Roy and Ghulam Parkar—gave the Indians a sluggish start after Gavaskar had won the toss and chosen to bat on an easy paced pitch.

They made only 56 off the first 25 overs before Roy was caught in the gully off Hutton and Parkar fell lbw to Hobb's second ball.

Colourful Sandeep Patil raised the tempo with a robust 19 and then Yashpal Sharma (86 not out) and Ashok Malhotra (54) revealed their considerable potential with a stand of 96 in 13 overs.

With less than two overs left, Gavaskar made a belated appearance at No. 6 to get a ball from Surrey's Dave Thomas that kept low and left veteran umpire John Langridge in no doubt that the captain had to go.

This hardly seemed to matter in this setting—but I've no doubt that Gavaskar will make someone pay for his embarrassment before long.

side—are perhaps not among the strongest of the counties and they will, of course, be without Dennis Amiss who was one of the rebels to tour South Africa. Nonetheless, Bob Willis, Alvin Kallicharran of the West Indies, Andy Lloyd, an exciting young left-handed middle order batsman, and Gladstone Small, a fast bowler who comes from the West Indies, but is qualified to play for England, are all formidable players, and given good conditions, the Indians will not have it all their own way.

It is sad that the weather at the start of every English summer should play such a disproportionate part in the fortunes of touring sides.

But, as I wrote some time ago, the Indians opted to come in the first part of the summer when the double tour system was introduced in the 1960's and when it is cold and wet like this, they are obviously at a great disadvantage.

One aspect of the forthcoming series on which I have not yet commented is the admirable decision by both boards of control that the two sides should bowl at least 96 overs each day. If they bowl them in six hours it will be at a rate of 16 an hour which is a considerable improvement on much of what went on in India on England's recent tour. There is extra time available each day so that 96 overs are completed.

It is desperately important that the authorities do all that they can to see that contemporary over-rates are improved and this is a solid step in the right direction.

But I am afraid that the West Indies and Australia with their much vaunted fast attacks will agree to no such thing and for the sad reason of self-interest.

Personally, I feel that the International Cricket Conference (ICC) which meets once a year at Lord's in July or August is a toothless old tiger which is utterly unable to do anything about this problem. Once again this year we will get a communique at the end which promises that sub-committees will look further into most of the problems, but nothing concrete ever seems to be done.

The ICC nowadays is nothing more than a jolly annual reunion for the

PAT GIBSON

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# 'Big Bob' Willis faults as India force a draw

— By Henry Blofeld —

INDIA'S game with Warwickshire petered out into the dullest of draws on a typically easy paced Edgbaston pitch although by then the tourists had some more valuable practice and their captain Sunil Gavaskar, had hit the 85th hundred of his career.

Rather surprisingly Warwickshire prolonged their innings for as Bob Willis and Anton Ferreira both reached the highest scores of their respective careers, 72 and 112 not out respectively in the first innings.

Willis declared when he was seventh out at 447 when the stand was worth 175 and Warwickshire's lead 204. After that India had nothing left to do but bat through until the close.

After quickly losing Pranab Roy who does not look half such a good player as Chetan Chauhan who was left behind, Gavaskar and Ashok Malhotra added 168 for the second wicket.

Gavaskar went on to his hundred and towards the end there was some slogging when Willis brought his occasional bowlers. For such an experienced cricketer Willis sometimes makes some remarkable decisions as captain. How much more sensible it would have been to have declared earlier soon after Warwickshire had taken the lead.

If at all possible the Indians would then have left Warwickshire a target on the final afternoon and there might have



*Bob Willis bowled an inspired opening spell of eight overs in the first innings.*

been some entertaining cricket instead of this inevitable draw when the cricket was a purely academic exercise.

To most people's surprise and to Gavaskar's evident disapproval Willis continued the innings and seeing that there was now nothing in the game India's main bowlers did little more than just go through the motions and before long Gavaskar had turned to his occasional bowlers like Roy and himself and runs were there for the taking. It was all rather pointless.

When India started their second innings Roy again gave me the impression that he was lucky to have been picked for the tour. These are early days to be too definite but I thought he looked rather out of his depth.

The best strokes came from Gavaskar who was obviously determined to put this innings to good use. But he had a piece of luck when he was 15 for he straight drove Small and the bowler dropped a hard return catch at waist height.

But after that he was at his best. He drove Willis through extra cover. Ferreira through mid-off. He played Jim Combes off his toes for four to reach fifty and then picked up the same bowler over mid wicket for six.

By tea time India were seven runs ahead at 213 for three and thereafter that it

was simply a question of batting on until six o'clock. By then it had become a boring game but that was entirely Willis's fault and it developed into a farce in the closing stages.

Earlier in the first innings it was only brilliant batting by Gundappa Viswanath who was at his glorious best which saved India from humiliation.

He made 67 in 118 minutes and received fine support of the tall upright end elegant strokeplay of Dilip Vengsarkar. They put on 117 for the third wicket in 101 minutes.

It may have been a lapse in concentration which made him cut at South African medium pacer Anton Ferreira without getting over the ball and give an easy catch to cover.

England vice captain Bob Willis bowled an inspired opening spell of eight overs which brought him the wicket of Pranab Roy for just six runs. Roy played back to a brute which lifted and left him in Willis's seventh over and was caught behind. Willis would not



*India skipper Sunil Gavaskar arrives in London with the prospect of leading the side for the first time in Old Blighty.*

## A slide...

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members at a time of the year when the weather in London should be fine.

I would like to see international cricket run by a group of people who are obviously involved in the game but who are first and foremost progressive businessmen.

It's no good being squeamish cricket is a business nowadays and a multi-million pound one at that, and it needs to be run as such. I have momentarily come a long way from the present Indian tour and as I write this piece in the press box at Lord's Cricket Ground I am so cold that I cannot feel my fingers hit the keyboard of my typewriter.

So you see the Indian cricketers are not the only people in England who are praying for blue skies and sunshine. The trouble is that the weather forecasters suggest that our prayers will not for the time being be answered.

## India in England

have been flattered if he had taken four wickets in this burst

Gavaskar was beginning to bat pretty well when he was second out at 57. He was timing the ball effortlessly when suddenly he pushed forward to one from fast bowler Willie Hogg which left him and was caught behind.

Nayak gave India a fine start in the field when in his first over he bowled West Indian Test batsman, Alvin Kalicharren as he tried to play him through mid-wicket.

At 31 David Smith was bowled when he played inside an off cutter from Sandeep Patil and three runs later Nayak took his second wicket when he had Phil Oliver lbw as he pushed defensively.

The two seam bowlers playing in this match Kapil Dev and Nayak, both had useful spells although Kapil under-standably bowled well within himself for the last thing he wants to do is to pull a muscle which can be so easily done in the cold.

He will obviously pace himself up to the start of the international programme. Nayak on the other hand is never likely to frighten anyone although he is a great trier.

He was accurate for the most part but

on this easy paced pitch he never looked like getting anyone out.

In the middle of the afternoon Sunny Gavaskar gave Dilip Doshi and Shivlal Yadav decent spells. Doshi was as beguiling as always, although wearing two sleeveless sweaters he looked rather stiff.

But all four of them will have benefitted from the practice. The ground fielding was mostly extremely good and any blemishes can be put down to the weather for in spite of the sun it was still decidedly chilly.

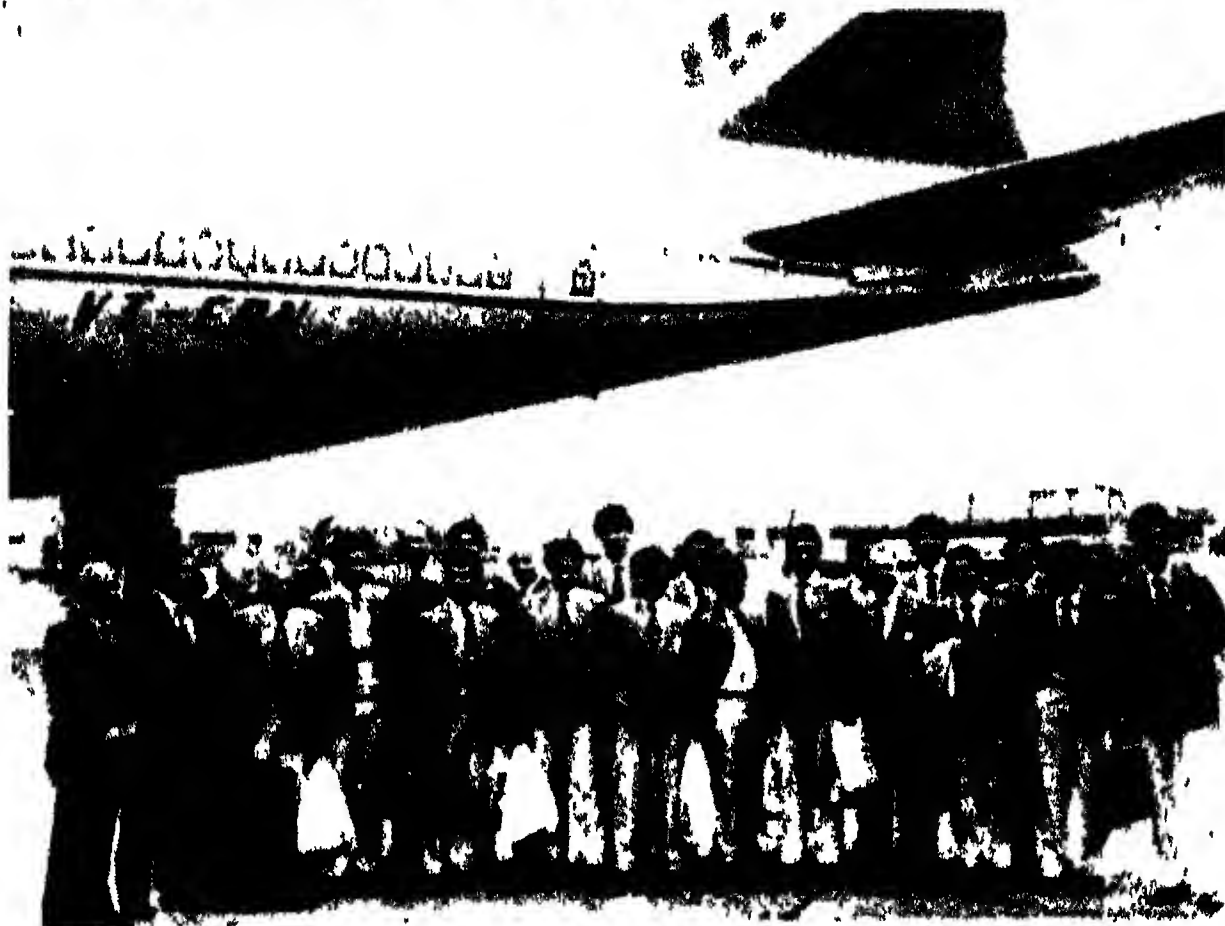
The principal contributors to Warwickshire's total were a pleasantly contrasting pair. Andy Lloyd, a red haired left hander, has a pleasant range of strokes although he has now learned a greater degree of discretion about when to use them. He showed that he is not all that far away from an England cap.

Asif Din, his partner, is much more slightly built and comes from Uganda. He left Kampala with his family when he was eight and is now in his second season with Warwickshire.

He and Lloyd put on 144 for the fourth wicket and Din's 91 was the highest score of his career. After Lloyd had played forward to Yadav and over-balanced there was a remarkably attractive innings from Maynard, the reserve wicketkeeper.



Ashok Malhotra the stocky player showed that he too is an entertaining stroke-maker



Heathrow Airport, London, April 30, 1982. Indian cricketers on a summer tour, snapped with TCCB officials





**Sunil Gavaskar...claims he would be happy to be a total personal failure so long as India wins the series**

**I**t is his brain as well as his bat which England have to beat in the Test series against India this summer

At 5ft 5ins, you could hardly say that Sunil Gavaskar stands head and shoulders above his contemporaries as a thinking cricketer, though metaphorically, it's true.

It is no disrespect to Keith Fletcher, who is likely to be asked to lead the home side in the three-match series, to say that what England needs is a captain of Gavaskar's grasp and standing.

If Geoff Boycott's behaviour in India during the winter inevitably gave the impression that his foremost concern was the personal matter of claiming the all-time Test aggregate record, Gavaskar is emphatic that pursuit of Boycott's record does not concern him these next few months.

If there was a world championship for courtesy off the field of play in any sport the Indian cricketers would be front-runners.

Although, going in at No 6, Gavaskar had suffered the indignity of being out first ball in Arundel's idyllic medieval bowler, he sat back over tea—"sugar sandwich?"—to discuss the tour.

"I would honestly be happy to be a

# The true size of England's problem

By David Miller

total personal failure, so long as the side wins the series," he claims with a frankness you cannot disbelieve.

"The record is something I don't think about out there at the crease. It won't start to concern me till I'm maybe two or three hundred short of it."

Boycott passed Gary Sobers' figure of 8,032 runs in 93 Tests at Delhi just before Christmas, reaching 8,114 in his 108th Test.

Cowdrey, Hemmond, Bradman, Hutton, and Barrington are still in front of Gavaskar's 6,718 in 75 Tests, but as he himself wryly hinted to Boycott over dinner, the record should not survive all that long.

Yet personal ambition is not the objective in what he thinks could be another tactical series. "The sides are evenly matched. We are better balanced than in 1979 when we came here, with more experience, and without the one or two players who were then over the hill."

## Glorious exhibition

It was on that tour at The Oval, that Gavaskar played one of the greatest innings of modern times, 221 in some eight hours without giving a chance, a glorious exhibition of the brilliant technique which makes him the world's most consistent and feared opener.

Never, even against the fiercest bowling has he bothered with a helmet, and his defensive display against Bob Willis in Madras is said to have been impenetrable.

Those who claim that his social standing at home, equivalent to a film star, unduly inhibits domestic umpires on appeals for leg before, overlook that his impeccable footwork equally seldom results in being given out that way overseas.

With diplomatic manners he generously concedes that in India "Willis bowled well without getting reward." But he feels the present series is likely, tactics apart, to hinge on the respective abilities of all-rounders Kapil Dev and Ian Botham.

Gavaskar promises that India will attempt to play their part in banishing

the boredom of the interminable draws of last winter, and not just because of the 96 overs per day rule.

"The wickets at home were too heavily loaded in favour of batsmen, the bowlers couldn't do anything even on the fourth day. If you had patience, you could stay there as long as you wanted"—like his 10 3/4 hours at Bangalore!

It is ironic to consider that only a sharp-eyed uncle—noticing on a second visit to hospital that his sister was cradling a different baby 32 years ago from the previous day when it was born—prevented young Sunil being taken home in error by a fisherman's wife to ply, in all probability, a rather different trade.



**His brains as well as his bat, is what England will have to beat in the Test series**

GEOFF COOK captain of Northants and one of the positive young voices in English cricket begins a series of explosive articles

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# Forget tour bore, now we'll speed up

**I**T'S an enormous relief to be playing cricket again after all the controversy of the past six months

The doubts over the Indian tour, an unsatisfactory and unsatisfying series and finally the uproar over the South African venture made it a real winter of discontent

As a result 15 top players are ineligible for England and even though India are here some people are saying that the Tests won't be worth watching anyway

I don't want to get involved in the South African argument—apart from saying that it's a terrible thing that politics can have such an influence on any sport

It is sad that cricket officials have been placed in a situation where they have to legislate against their own players

Those who have been banned are going to be sadly missed not only by England, but throughout international cricket as a whole

I am thinking particularly of Graham Gooch and my own Northants opening partner Wayne Larkins who could well have broken through as a Test batsman this year

Even before the Test bans were imposed, I felt that England would have an opening place available. And in my



—By Geoff Cook—

opinion Wayne is far and away the best allround player in that position

There are a lot of English batsmen of about the same standard—but Gooch and Larkins are two of the few players who have that bit extra that makes all the difference at Test level

It is a shame that neither of them may

be available for the next three years—even though it obviously improves my own chances of playing for England

Naturally that is my ambition. And I hope to play a part in what I think will be a far more attractive Test series than some people imagine

All the criticism of the Tests in India with their absurd over rates, blatant time-wasting and five consecutive draws was entirely justified. It was very boring

But I'm sure it will be different in England. The Indians have already agreed to a faster over rate and I'm sure English umpires will take a much sterner line against time-wasting

And the cricket itself could be compelling if—as I expect—it comes down to a battle between our quick bowlers and their batsmen

If the wickets are conducive to seam, England's bowlers will dictate the series, but if they're anything like flat, India will take a lot of bowling out

And if their batsmen play half as well as they did on some occasions last winter they will be marvellous to watch

I rate Sunil Gavaskar as technically the best opening batsman in the world. Gundappa Viswanath and Dilip Vengsarkar are two of the finest stroke-makers and Kapil Dev is among the top three allrounders

Of the others, 19-year-old Ravi Shastri is the most talented. He's not only a good left-arm spinner but also a very useful middle-order batsman with a good technique and a fine temperament for one so young

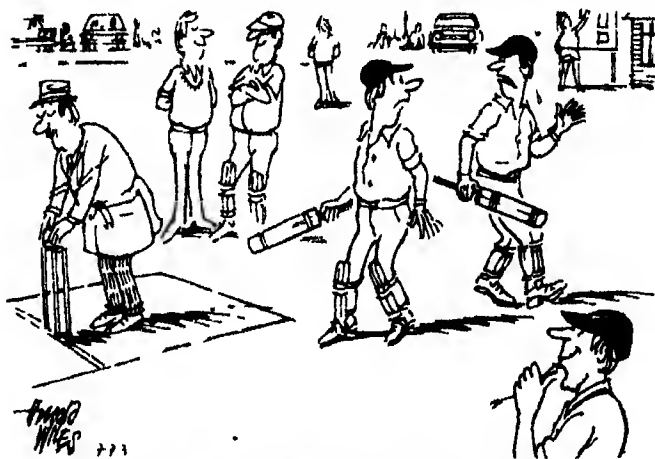
In fact, Shastri is exactly the type of player England are looking for to give the batting greater depth and the side a better balance

With this in mind, it was interesting to see Phil Edmonds, such a talented cricketer, and Vic Marks picked for the MCC match against Notts at Lord's as the new selectors set about their task

Whoever they pick, I can assure them that the England players who went to India are determined to set the record straight

A lot of us felt that it wasn't the sort of cricket people want to watch and believe that the forthcoming series will be a fairer indication of the relative merits of the two sides

## ALL IN THE GAME!



"See the ball? I couldn't even see the bowler!"

# Be ready for one of the best

—By Geoff Cook—

**T**HERE is nothing quite like the county championships, in which West Indian and South Africans, Indians and Pakistanis happily play side by side.

For all the glamour and excitement of the various one-day competitions, most players favour the traditional three-day game.

It's such a well-balanced affair and last season's results suggest that the counties are now playing it in a more positive vein.

Covered wickets produced more centuries and techniques acquired in one-day cricket enabled batsmen to chase improbable targets.

For vastly conflicting reasons I expect this year's Schweppes Championships, which got under way last week to be one of the best for years.

On the one hand, those counties with their West Indian stars available all summer will obviously have a far greater chance of success.

On the other, those counties with players made ineligible for England because of the South African tour will be much more powerful.

It will make for a better all-round championship. And I have picked five sides—plus Northants, naturally—who I expect to be challenging for the title.

## Beneficiaries

The most obvious beneficiaries from the West Indian influence must be Somerset. Since Viv Richards and Joel Garner would have a tremendous bearing on any competition.

Apart from Garner, they have other seamers who can win matches, like Colin Dredge, who has done so well, and Hallam Moseley, who keeps picking up wickets, and everyone including Richards, bats very positively.

Somerset are a difficult side to beat—and they are always looking to make a win out of a draw.

Lancashire, too, must surely be looking to their West Indians, Clive Lloyd and Colin Croft, to win them matches and bring about an overdue revival.

Given their share of luck and the continuing development of young players like Paul Allott and Graham Fowler they could be a serious threat.

Of the so-called South African rebels Graham Gooch could have the biggest

influence now he is available full time for Essex.

John Lever, too, has been among the most consistent wicket-takers in the championship for some time now and there is no reason why he should not continue.

John Emburey, such a highclass off-spinner, will be a permanent part of the strong Middlesex attack. Any side with Wayne Daniel in it is a force to be reckoned with, anyway.

And their batsmen are so consistent led by Mike Brearley, who is such a fine county player. He will be looking to go out on a high note.

Notts will have an even stronger

attack than last year with the addition of Mike Hendricks, but there remains a question mark over their batting.

But if players like Paul Todd and Tim Robinson continue to improve they are sure to make a strong bid to retain their title.

As for Northants, we finished 15th last time but if we can steer clear of the injuries we had then, I believe we can mount a challenge.

Obviously, we will be helped by the permanent presence of such fine players as Wayne Larkins and Peter Willey and if we are there or thereabouts by mid-August we should have the batting strength to come through.

## THE SPORTING LIFE



*SORRY, BENSON, BUT THE RULES DON'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT GETTING RELIEF FROM EARTHQUAKE DAMAGE...*

# Captaincy—selector's dilemma

—By Henry Blofeld—

**E**VER since the Indians arrived in London last Friday the weather has been ghastly.

The most immediate issue at the moment in English cricket is what the selectors are going to do about the England captaincy for the two series coming up against India and Pakistan and then of course for the tour of Australia which follows.

So far, Peter May, the chairman of the selectors, has said simply that there is a need for continuity in the role. The only way this can surely be achieved at the moment is by retaining Keith Fletcher.

Not only are there no other obvious candidates, but also there are none on whom it might be worth taking a risk and I am fairly sure that they will keep Fletcher, at any rate for the series against India.

Graham Gooch was a possibility to succeed Fletcher until he became irrevocably fascinated by South Africa, but those who are still in contention for the job would probably be David Gower, Ian Botham and Geoff Cook.

David Gower is not to my mind a mature enough man to have the job for another two or three years and nor is he consistent enough with the bat.

He may one day be just the man England wants and I saw him four years

ago captain Young England against New Zealand and did it competently enough.

I know that Botham would like the job back and indeed he has said so quite recently, but I am afraid this is wishful thinking for it is still less than a year since his first tragic reign came to an end.

This leaves Geoff Cook who is, I believe, the most likely man to succeed Fletcher in the long term. Cook captains Northamptonshire and is one of the most respected of county captains.

He is also an effective opening batsman who was probably unlucky only to be chosen for the Test against Sri Lanka on last winter's tour.

It would, however, be expecting too much to give him the captaincy straight away and I hope he will play against India under Fletcher's captaincy.

Then, before the series against Pakistan, the selectors will have to make their decision. Will they continue with Fletcher against Pakistan and then Australia?

If they do not and Cook has batted reasonably against India, this is the moment to give him the job with a view to Australia in the winter.

As I wrote earlier, England's cupboard is extremely bare at the moment and it



*David Gower ... neither a mature man to lead England, nor is he consistent enough with the bat*

seems to me that this is the best way of making the best of a bad job. Anyway, I expect that it will be Fletcher who leads England out at Lord's in June.



*Ian Botham...would like the job he relinquished less than a year ago*

## Cricket to better race relations

**I**N a splendid initiative by New Scotland Yard the game of cricket is to be used by the police in London to try and improve community relations and if successful it will spread all over the country.

The trouble spots which have produced the worst episodes of racial conflict in the metropolitan area, are Southall, Brixton and Notting Hill Gate.

These areas all have a high proportion of immigrants many of whom come from the West Indies, India and Pakistan. Expatriates from these countries will mostly have an inbuilt love of cricket and the police are going to use this to enable them to get closer to the youngsters.

In these areas the kids are frightened to talk to the police if they are in uniform. Not for fear of what they may do to them, but because they are frightened who may be watching them.

The proposed cricket competition will enable the police to meet and be with the young in civies and not in uniform.

The idea of cricket competition starting in London and then spreading, came from Sergeant John Warren of New Scotland Yard whose job is primarily concerned with community relations.

It is, too, a logical extension of the five-a-side football competition run by

the police through the country which has been such an unqualified success.

When Sergeant Warren had the idea, he first cleared it with his superiors and then contacted Lord's cricket ground.

He spoke to Keith Andrew, the former England wicketkeeper who is head of national coaching and between them they devised a six-a-side game of cricket. It will be played over 12, 15 or 18 overs a side depending on the time available and the batsmen will bat in pairs for a third of the overs with five runs being deducted for each dismissal.

Andrew calls it "team cricket" and the smaller children in the lower age groups play with a soft ball and the older ones with a ball which is rather harder although pads are not required.

It is excellent that sport is being used for such a worthy purpose and it will also be a significant development for the game of cricket.

It will give people who otherwise may have been too poor to do so on their own, exposure to the game and it may open up a new nursery of raw talent.

Like the football, it will cost them nothing to play team cricket for the equipment is being provided by a sponsor who has already been found but not named.

H.B.

# Why I turned my back on a fortune

— As told to Richard Bott —

**W**HEN I am playing for England and I pull on my sweater with the crown and three lions, I am a proud man. It means a hell of a lot to me. And right now, it means more than money.

Some people, even some of my fellow cricketers, will say that this is a load of baloney and that at this stage of my career, I should be looking to have a mansion in the country and one or two holiday homes.

But these are not my priorities. Money is not everything to me. And that should give you some indication why I turned down a small fortune to play cricket in South Africa during the winter.

The South African tour which led to 15 English players being banned from international cricket for three years by the Test and County Cricket Board has been a controversial issue.

One reason why I decided not to go was because I felt the players who went **WOULD** be banned from playing Test cricket. I did not want to be one of them.

I may be getting towards the end of my Test career but I am as fit as I have been for some time and I still have a lot to offer England as a bowler...particularly now, when a long hard road lies ahead.

There was talk of a South African tour as far back as 18 months ago and if an International XI had gone out there then, I am sure the reaction around the world would not have been so hostile.

But, this time, the sponsors wanted an England XI and one as close to the full Test team as possible. If this had materialised, the repercussions were always going to be considerable.

No player can say that he was not given sufficient warning. Last August, every English professional cricketer received a letter from the TCCB discouraging them from going to South Africa and saying, in effect that anyone who did go could make himself ineligible to play for England.

It is easy for people to say I was foolish to turn down such a large amount of money. But it is not the first time I have put my Test place before the temptation of hard cash.

Do you remember when Kerry Packer came on the scene in 1977?

When he was setting up his World Series, England's Test men were being paid £250 a match. A full series was worth no more than £1,500.

I remember Tony Greig asking me to

join Packer. I said to him: "Who will I be playing for?" He replied: "A World XI." I told him I wasn't sure whether I could motivate myself enough for that kind of competition. He said: "Isn't £15,000-a-year enough motivation?"

The answer was "No." And it was "No" again when the offer came to go to South Africa.

All the cash in the world cannot



Robert Willis...sending down one of his express deliveries

compare with the very special moments in cricket like our victory over the Australians in that unbelievable Test match at Leeds last summer.

In some ways, my reasons for turning down Packer and South Africa were very similar. I want to go on playing for England for as long as I can. They were two situations which put my ambitions in jeopardy.

Since my stand over the Packer issue, I think I am looked upon, by players and administrators, as "an establishment man". The people at Lord's kept faith with me during the bad times, when knee injuries threatened my career and I was constantly being written off.

Now I want to keep faith with them. I feel I am a link between the younger players and the selectors and, when I do finish playing, I would like to continue to be involved with England in some capacity.

I do not know what involvement that would take...perhaps as a selector or on the administrative side if a vacancy arose. But I feel sure that all these ideas would have been knocked on the head had I gone against the wishes of the TCCB.

I am not going to say I wasn't sorely tempted to take up the South African offer.

The final approach to me was made when I returned from the winter tour of India and Sri Lanka. I set down with my wife and discussed it very fully. And we decided we were not happy about the possible consequences, both with cricket and socially.

But I do not feel there should be any stigma attached to the players who accepted. They did not break any laws and how many people can honestly say they would not have considered the chance to earn in excess of £45,000 for a month's work?

Some of those who went were not guaranteed any more Test cricket anyway. Others, I feel sure, went for reasons other than money. They felt it was right to do so.

I, too, have sympathy for cricketers in South Africa and it is a sad fact of life that sport is used as a political weapon.

There are so many anomalies. Perhaps 40 or 50 English cricketers earn a living coaching and playing in South Africa during our winter because they cannot earn a living at home. That's all right. But going there as a team is not.

For the players barred by England this summer it is said, but they knew what the consequences might be.

To be continued



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## Gatting charges into turmoil with real relish

— By CHRISTOPHER HILTON —

**T**O appreciate Michael William Gatting you need to be with him in the moments before he goes out to bat

He tries to sit, but "I'm sort of up and down all the time. When the wicket falls, it's a relief."

"I take a couple of deep breaths, the adrenalin is going and I'm tense. I say to myself 'Come on now, get stuck in'."

He is a strong chunk of a man—14 stone on a 5ft 10in frame—noted across the continents of cricket for getting stuck in.

He will be doing it again this season, as he says himself. "The whole England side is in the process of being re-built. For the next three years, it's going to be a bit of a turmoil."

The words come from somewhere inside a beard fringed by ginger. A merry twinkle lurks in his eyes.

Gatting could, and perhaps should, establish himself as a reliable quality England batsman.

"I'm not sort of fluent," he says with disarming candour, "but I like hitting the ball."

You may remember him as a stout battler, a man who dug a 50 out of any pace attack while others were swept aside.

"Actually, I've got quite a range of

shots, but I've got to pick and choose the right ones," he says.

He is a calm pleasant man of 25 without the cynicism which seems obligatory these days.

"I love playing for England, although it can be mentally tiring after you've concentrated for a whole day."

He has faced his share of pace. "Fear you have to put out of your mind."

But secretly?

"Secretly you don't think about it, either. It's understood that if a ball hits you, it's going to hurt. Unless it's really bad, you try not to show your feelings."

"If it hits you on the fingers, you're hurt and the bowler knows it, so there's not much point in pretending, is there?"

"Test cricket gets to be hard work. You've got to work harder."

It might almost be the philosophy of a life. And his philosophy of cricket? "An innings is each ball."

Being so small, he says, does inhibit the kind of magnificent back foot shots which Graham Gooch can play.

But Gatting does remember one—off West Indian paceman Michael Holding at Old Trafford.

He hit it instinctively through the covers four and his eyes are twinkling as he recounts it.

First he wants to make runs for Middlesex "to get stuck in for them. Then, he will think about England."

## Awards for cricket's Aunt Sallies

**C**RICKET's Aunt Sallies—that's Godfrey Evans's description of wicketkeepers—will get their own awards under a new sponsorship by Gordon's Gin.

One of Evans's gloves, holding a ball and silver-plated, constitutes the trophy to be awarded to the Wicketkeeper of the Year along with £2,000 and a considerable amount of gin.

There will also be £500, a trophy and half a gallon of gin for the Wicketkeeper of the Month.

Evans, 91 times England's wicketkeeper, will be chairman of the Adjudicating Committee comprising Ted Dexter, Fred Trueman, John Murray, Keith Andrew and Reg Hayter.

## West Indian mystery

**A** top West Indian batsman may "poach" English cricket rebel Wayne Larkins's place in the Eastern Province side in South Africa next season.

Eastern Province have delayed finalising a three-year contract offered to ex-Test batsman Larkins while the South African cricket authorities make up their minds to amend a rule which limits each provincial side to only one overseas player a match.

Mystery surrounds the identity of the West Indian, apart from the fact that he is described as a current Test batsman who plays county cricket in England, and has expressed "tremendous interest" in playing in South Africa next English winter.

## Boycott's 127th ton

**G**EOFF BOYCOTT pushed aside all the pressures by opening his 1982 season with century No. 127.

The controversy of his South African visit, the subsequent Test ban, the internal club rows were all forgotten as Boycott, 41, concentrated on what he does best—scoring runs.

He reached three figures in 269 minutes, hitting 12 fours. He finally went for 138 as Yorkshire declared at 368 for six against Northants at Northampton.

But Boycott could not claim the first Schweppes County Championship century of the season.

That honour went to Leicester's Rhodesian-born Brian Davison who fell only one run short of a 100 before lunch against Hampshire.

Davison was last out for 172 in his county's 281. The next highest scorer was Roger Tolchard with 24.



Skipper Latif Parkar of Anjuman Islam High School receives his memento from chief guest Vijay Merchant at the function organised by the school management to felicitate the team for winning the Harris Shield for the 31st time.

# All about run outs: Part 1

**W**HEN Allan Border was run out in both innings of the Melbourne Test against Pakistan in December 1981, statisticians began to look up the record books to find out how often this has happened in Test cricket.

They came up with the answer that Border's case furnished the 13th instance of a batsman run out twice in a Test match—and the fifth Australian to suffer this fate. There are five West Indians too, as well as an Englishman, a New Zealander and a Pakistani in the chronological list hereunder.

Chandrasekhar with Jameson backing up and stranded outside the crease

Jameson incidentally posted, the highest individual score (82 in the first innings of the 1971 Oval Test) from among those who have been run out twice in a Test. Only two other 50s have come from this cluster of "the unlucky 13"—Kelleway's 59 and Zaheer Abbas's 51. Apart from Trim's pair, the only other 'duck' in one innings was Stollmeyer's.

Diving deeper into the esoteric

countries, as shown hereunder in a countrywise breakup

	Players	Run-Outs
England	159	264
Australia	134	283
South Africa	72	113
West Indies	65	148
New Zealand	58	76
India	55	114
Pakistan	36	78
Sri Lanka	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>579</b>	<b>1 078</b>

Actually there are only 578 Test batsmen concerned with run outs, since one of them, John James Ferris, was run out for two countries during his Test career—twice for Australia at Sydney in 1886-87 and at the Oval in 1888, both times against England, and once for England at Cape Town in 1891-92 against South Africa.

The record for being run out most often in a Test career belongs to Gary Sobers (West Indies)—10 run outs in 139 completed Test innings. He is followed by a quartet from four different countries with seven run outs each: Geoff Boycott (England), Allan Border (Australia), John Waite (South Africa) and Bevan Congdon (New Zealand).

Next on the list are 12 players from five countries with six run outs each: Abid Ali (the record holder for India), Mushtaq Mohammad and Wasim Bari (the joint record holder for Pakistan), Warren Bardsley, Ian Chappell, Bill Lawry and Ian Redpath (all from Australia), Basil Butcher, Clive Lloyd, Joe Solomon and Everton Weekes (all from West Indies), and Jackie McGlew (South Africa).

Those with five run outs apiece number 14 from five countries: Bishan Singh Bedi and Vijay Manjrekar (both from India), Iqbal Qasim and Majid Khan (both from Pakistan), Colin Cowdrey, John Edrich, Tom Graveney, Jim Parks and Wilfred Rhodes (all from England), Clem Hill, Rodney Hogg, Bobby Simpson and Graeme Wood (all from Australia), and Rohan Kanhai (West Indies).

It may be of some interest to know where some of the celebrated batting stars of the present day stand so far as Test run outs are concerned. Sunil Gavaskar and Viswanath have both been run out three in their Test career. So too are Vivian Richards of West Indies, Greg Chappell of Australia, David Gower of England, and Javed Miandad of Pakistan.

Ian Botham and Kim Hughes have both been run out just once, whilst Ashok Malhotra had the mortification of being run out in his debut Test at Madras on January 18, 1982, after waiting until after lunch on the fifth and final day to get a chance to bat.

Peter McAlister	Australia	v Eng (Melbourne)	1907-08
Charles Kelleway	Australia	v SA (Melbourne)	1910-11
John Ryder (on debut)	Australia	v Eng (Sydney)	1920-21
John Trim	West Indies	v Aus (Melbourne)	1951-52
Jeff Stollmeyer	West Indies	v Eng (Bridgetown)	1953-54
Ian Meckiff	Australia	v WI (Brisbane)	1960-61
Joe Solomon	West Indies	v Aus (Melbourne)	1960-61
Spencer McGregor	New Zealand	v SA (Dunedin)	1963-64
Richard Edwards	West Indies	v NZ (Wellington)	1968-69
Clive Lloyd	West Indies	v Ind (Kingston)	1970-71
John Jameson	England	v Ind (The Oval)	1971
Zaheer Abbas	Pakistan	v Aus (Melbourne)	1972-73
Allan Border	Australia	v Pak (Melbourne)	1981-82

John Trim had the misfortune to be run out for a pair, whilst, John Jameson who was making the second Test appearance of his brief international career, recorded an amazing sequence of three successive run outs in his four Test innings till then, his last run out in the famous second innings at the Oval in 1971 being symbolically tragic for England—a straight drive from Luckhurst deflected on to the stumps by

labyrinths of run outs in Test cricket. I came up with some quite fascinating facts and feats hitherto never before published in any reference book of cricket records.

For instance, I found out that in the 927 Tests which have been played up to the end of the 1981-82 season, 1,078 run outs have taken place in 625 of those Tests, and they have involved 579 players representing eight Test-playing



# The guilty go scot free

**T**HE current upheaval in Indian hockey, one hopes, will eventually lead to a cleaning up of the Augean stables.

The situation at the moment is akin to thieves falling out. Whether the cops will get on the trail remains to be seen.

The various allegations and counter-allegations only demonstrate the shocking state of affairs in the Indian Hockey Federation.

For too long now Indian hockey has been stifled by practically every malady known to sports administration: corruption, nepotism, favouritism and so on.

The tragedy is that hockey seldom gets the attention it deserves. The guilty men thus invariably go scot free.

Take the team chosen for the Champions Cup. Almost everyone thought Surinder Singh Sodhi was on the way out. He has now been made the captain!

One wonders what the Railways' ever vocal P. Mattil will have to say on the appointment. Perhaps he will be agitated only when North does not get its due or a cricket team is chosen.

Sodhi has been preferred to Zaffar Iqbal seemingly on the basis of a slight edge in seniority. In the process, a player whose place was in doubt has been perpetuated in the team.

Sodhi's appointment only lends credence to the widespread belief that, in hockey, players from the Punjab are more equal than others.

Sodhi's predecessor, Surjit Singh, has not altered the picture any by walking out on the eve of the selections and declaring that he was fed up.

After being banned on disciplinary grounds, Surjit was resurrected, thanks to the efforts of Inder Mohan Mahajan, who must be the only federation president in the world holding the portfolio of the chairman of the selection committee as well.

Grewal and Kaushik have joined Surjit in the tirade against the I.H.F. There may be much validity in their charges, but it is extremely doubtful whether they would have made them if their place in the team was secure.

If these players were willing to make the supreme sacrifice they ought to have fought the Establishment while they were still in the team.

That way they would have done Indian hockey a great service. Now, all they have achieved is a headline in the papers.

Much the same goes to Matilal. He has

refused to be a party to what he alleges to be dubious transactions. Perhaps rightly so. However, he had not set his own house in order. In his two years as treasurer he had failed to get the accounts duly audited.

Like Mahajan, Matilal will perhaps say that he was burdened with the legacy of the past. In what way, then, is the new regime better than the old?

It is scandalous that the I.H.F. accounts have remained unaudited for six long years. The I.H.P. president and his executive are as much to blame for it as the treasurer.

Equally shameful is that the general body has not been convened ever since Mahajan assumed office.

How could men who do not follow basic democratic norms be expected to selflessly serve sport?

It is high time the government ordered a thorough probe into the I.H.F. affairs. Meanwhile, the present executive ought to be suspended.

One silver lining in the murky scene is the inclusion of five new players in the team for the Champions Cup. The changes have been long overdue. The pity is that the realisation has dawned on Mahajan & Co only after a succession of defeats.

It is also heartening that virtually the same team will be retained for the Asiad. The coaches and the players can now get on with the job of building up a strong side.

## A disturbing reverse

**T**HE Indian cricket team's reverse in their opening one day game against The Duchess of Norfolk's XI is rather disturbing.

Even if manager Raj Singh would like to shrug it off as a match of no consequence, the fact remains that the Indians were playing a side that had four men over 40 and only three under 30.

It is astounding that our bowlers could not claim a single wicket against such a side.

At the time of writing, the match with Warwickshire is following a similar pattern with the bowlers struggling to make an impression. And this time the Indians are almost at full strength.

Even though Raj Singh has explained that the bowlers "could not hold the ball as tightly as they would have liked in the cold weather" it is clear that our attack will have to improve considerably if we are to perform well in the sterner Tests ahead.

Indeed, ever since the departure of the famed spin trio from the scene, the attack has been our biggest worry, with only Kapil Dev and Dilip Doshi as the main strikers.

Under the circumstances, skipper Gavaskar clearly faces an unenviable task.

## Quotes

"If this violence continues, fans will have British soccer stopped. What kind of parents produce such mindless morons? If I had behaved like that, it would have been a kick in the rear and a whack round the ear from my father."

—Arsenal manager Terry Neill on violence in English soccer.

"A decision on marriage does not arise. That's something we both instinctively accept. We wouldn't contemplate anything, until the '84 Olympics. We understand the pressures on each other."

—Seb Coe about his marriage with Olympian skier Irene Epple.

"I am totally disgusted by the way politics have taken a hold in Indian hockey. Captaincy has no charm in me any more, and I was not consulted by the I.H.F. bosses on the matter of selection of the teams for the Bombay World Cup and

the subsequent international tour in Karachi."

—India's captain Surjit Singh after his retirement from the international hockey scene.

"Since they (Surjit and Kaushik) knew that they were not fit and were not being included into the hockey team, they have taken the easier way out by retiring."

—I.H.F. president Inder Mohan Mahajan.

"I'd like to get to know Mrs. Indira Gandhi because she's such a strong lady—my idea of a really interesting person..."

—Willie Carson, famed English jockey.

"I would not expect, if our lads are getting killed as they go to war, to go to Spain and play against a nation (Argentina) responsible."

—Kevin Keegan, Skipper of the English soccer team.

## "It's disgusting" says Surjit...

"IT'S disgusting the way politics have crept into Indian hockey and I am totally fed up of it," said Indian hockey captain Surjit Singh vehemently as he walked out of the coaching camp and the International scene last week.

The thirty-year old left-back, once considered as the best penalty-corner specialist in the world alleged that he was treated like a "dummy captain" by the IHF bosses and he was never consulted on the team selections for the Bombay World Cup and the Asia Cup at Karachi.

Surjit assisted India in all the World Cup's, and skippered the miserable Indian team in the World Cup played in Bombay. Moscow Olympics saw his services to the Indian team, and the brawny inspector of Punjab Police has been playing for these northern lawkeepers for more than a decade, and in his own words "will continue to do so".

Surjit also stated that when he, as a captain, demanded payment of daily allowances to the players during the Bombay World Cup, it was regarded as an act of indiscipline and was labelled as a rebel.

## ...while Kaushik resents it

**MAHARAJ KISHEN KAUSHIK**, the speedy work-horse on the right-flank announced his retirement soon after Surjit Singh from the international hockey arena saying, "I resent the way the senior members of the team are asked to pack off by the Indian Hockey Federation."

Kaushik, of Bombay, has been representing Bombay in the senior Nationals for more than four years.

Kaushik, who just completed 27 years on May 2, is an employee of the Tata Oil Mills, Bombay, represented India since '75 when he went on the Afghan tour. In '78 he shone in Lahore, for the Qaid-Azam international; the Fourth World Cup, the '79 Perth International, the '79 Pre-Olympics, the Moscow Olympics, Fifth World Cup and finally the Asia Cup in Karachi.

## Sehgal—R.I.P.

**DWARKA DASS SEHGAL**, an industrialist from Jullundur, who had founded the famed Leader Club in 1959, died at Jullundur on April 11. He was 69.

The proprietor of Leader Engineering Works and some other allied industries.

## A victory for the rebels

**A**LL rounder Imran Khan will lead the Pakistan cricket team for the forthcoming tour of England and the composition of the squad is considered a victory for the rebel players who mutinied against former captain Javed Miandad.

Seven out of the 10 players who refused to play under Miandad's captaincy against Sri Lanka in February have been included in the 18-member team which begins its tour later this month.

Star batsman Zaheer Abbas will be Imran Khan's deputy it was announced by Chairman of the Board of Cricket Control in Pakistan (BCCP), Air Marshal Nur Khan.

The 10 rebels had reacted to reported remarks that senior players had not cooperated with Miandad during the team's dismal performance on their Australian tour last year.

Chairman of the BCCP said Miandad was approached but he declined to lead the side and the captaincy was offered to Imran Khan after voting by the general council of the board.

The 18-member squad against England will be Imran Khan (Captain), Zaheer Abbas (Vice Captain), Javed Miandad, Majid Khan, Wasim Raja, Salim Malik, Haroon Rasheed, Mansoor

Akhtar, Sarfraz Nawaz, Sikander Bakht, Tahir Naqqash, Iqbal Qasim, Abdu Qadir, Wasim Bari, Muddasser Nazki and Mohsin Khan.

There is no uncapped player in the side and apart from Mansoor Akhtar, Salim Malik and Tahir Naqqash, they



are all seasoned campaigners for a tour in which their English opposition will be missing several top players banned for playing in South Africa. Moreover, most of the players in the Pakistani side are regular county players with experience of cricket conditions in England.

Sehgal was a sports lover and a good administrator. To begin with he founded a volleyball club in his establishment, but later on directed his efforts towards the formation of a football club, the Leader Club, which was a household name in football circles all over the country.

Due to the poor performance of the club in late seventies, he disbanded the Leader Club in 1978.

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## Bronze plaquettes for Indian archers

**VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA** and **L. N. Khurana** of Archery Association of



L.N. Khurana and V.K. Malhotra

India were awarded bronze plaquettes by the International Archery Federation for their outstanding services for the promotion of archery in India and the Asian region.

This was decided at the executive committee meeting of the International Archery Federation held recently in Italy. Medals have been received by the Archery Association of India and were awarded to the officials at a function organised during the eighth Senior National Championships.

Malhotra, the president of Asian Archery Federation and Khurana, a member of the executive board of Asian Archery Federation are international personalities who have been working hard for the promotion of sports in the capital city of India in particular and in the country in general. Khurana who is the joint secretary of the Indian Olympic Association is a member of the Special Organising Committee of the Asian Games, 1982.

## SW Races postponed

**T**HE Sportsweek Road Running Races scheduled to be held in May 1982 have been postponed to September 1982, due to unavoidable circumstances. As regards details, a further announcement will appear in August 1982.



# In the Kangaroo Country

**W**E had the usual meeting with the press on our landing in the Kangaroo country. Western Australia was formerly the scene of a gold rush. But apparently all the ingots were safely removed when we reached there. Still Amarnath started in a vein which suggested that silence is not necessarily golden.

The skipper made a very favourable impression by candidly declaring, 'We have come to learn.' No tall claims such as 'We will all go out to win at all cost' and the usual cliché, 'We will play bright cricket'. We tried our best and played our usual game. Whatever little plaudits came our way were in my opinion due to this matter of fact attitude.

The only feature of note in our drawn encounter against W. Australia was the sporting gesture by Sohoni. While batting, Sohoni hit a ball towards mid-wicket. There was a little pool of rain water in the area where the fielder was stationed.

As the ground was slippery, the fielder walked cautiously towards the ball instead of running in the typical Australian way. Sensing his predicament, the debonair Indian refused to take a second run. The sporting act was as handsome as the man performing it himself.

## Struck

Bradman won the toss, naturally elected to take first strike and was in no time after our bowlers. He made 156 and South Australia raised a big total. I found the Adelaide Oval strip to my liking and soon got going. At 95 and when within sight of my century I was out.

Amarnath went in lower down in the batting order and made a scintillating 144. We replied suitably to our opponents' big score. They resorted to quick scoring and naturally lost a few quick wickets.

We did not have sufficient time to score the necessary runs. But Amarnath struck form for a second time and made 94 not out while Vinoo Mankad scored his first century of the tour.

Here we made a mental note of the way Bradman studied the opposing batsmen. After I had dispatched a couple of shorts ones to the mid-wicket fence I saw a perplexed look on Bradman's face. His expression of disbelief suggested that he did not expect any batsman to execute such a stroke and get away with it.

Our next port of call-albeit by air journey was Melbourne, the capital of Victoria.

We arrived at the Melbourne Cricket

Ground (frequently abbreviated as M.C.G.). Amarnath won the toss and when he decided to have the first use of the wicket we were told that on this very ground the world record total of 1107 was recorded a score of years before.

We seemed bent on achieving the opposite. Mankad and the other makeshift opener Rangnekar were both out for ducks and I joined them by bagging the third duck. Three wickets were down and still not a run on the giant scoreboard.

I avoided the dreaded pair and in the second 'dig', top scored for our side with 83. Our dismissal for 203 raised prospects of a close finish but rain on the last day put paid to any thrills.

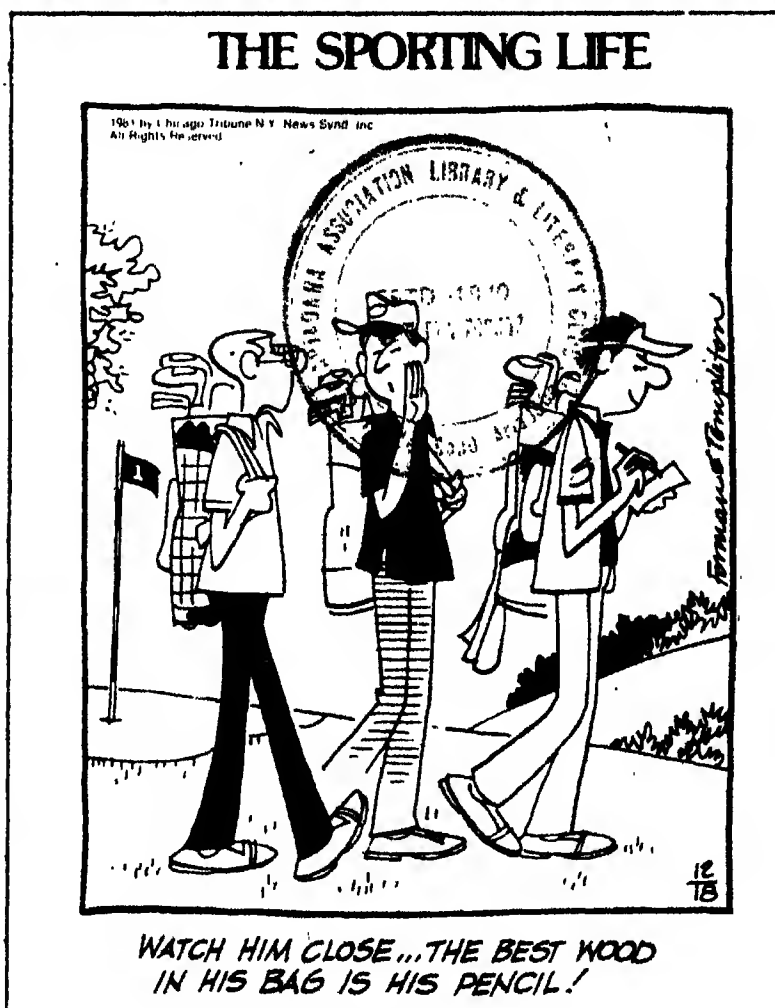
Hassett, the Victorian captain showed us the typical Australian humour by presenting top-ducks to Mankad, Rangnekar and myself. But a former Australian captain once received the

gift of a live egg from an English captain much to the former's discomfiture.

We went to Sydney to meet a powerful New South Wales side, known for lowering the colours of any visiting side. Once they had twice defeated an M.C.C. side. The left-handed Morris captained the home side. The spin of the coin favoured him and he blazed around with a grand 182.

Aided and abetted by his colleagues he declared only when they had an imposing total of 561 for eight. To add to our woes, Amarnath, the sheet anchor of our side so far on the tour, had stomach trouble. He left early in the home side's batting and was unable to bat in either innings. His absence was a great handicap to us.

I captained the team as his deputy for the first time on the tour. When we batted we faced the feared combination of the speed merchants, Lindwall and Miller. I struck my best form. Although



## A Long Innings

the pacemen hurled their missiles with all the gusto and fire I managed to stay and play them confidently and effectively

I scored my first century of the tour. Scored against such opponents and in adverse circumstances my score of 142 assumed greater significance when my team mates failed to support me. Except for Mankad and Adhikari the others offered poor resistance when confronted with genuine pace and folded up. We were forced to follow on and lost by an Innings. It was our first defeat on the tour.

We stayed on in Sydney to play another match this time against another strong side an Australian XI. Bradman was again there. The match became famous for the landmark achieved by the world's greatest batsman. Bradman reached the 100th century of his career.

The applause and thunder of the hand claps was to be seen to be believed. Arthur Mailey and Duleep sitting in a sound proof air conditioned room just opened a window to hear the noise for a while and promptly shut it off to avoid turning deaf.

I started well and got 38. Then a serious misunderstanding between me and the captain in the matter of taking a run proved disastrous to me. I was run out. I have cause to remember this unusual dismissal as it was the first of my career. In my 357 innings.

I rec all that I was run out only four times once in a Test once on an English tour and once in a Ranji Trophy match in addition to this dismissal.

The third thing of note in this match was the fact that we won our first victory on Australian soil. Our victory by the narrow margin of 47 runs was possible due to a great bowling effort by the left hander Vinoo Mankad who returned the imposing figure of 8 for 84.

We were aided to some extent by the home batsmen who did not play for a draw but went all out for a win. Taking chances against a bowler of Mankad's calibre proved disastrous and the hosts paid the penalty. Even so the first ever win raised our spirit as the Test drew nearer.

First the spin of the coin favoured Bradman. Taking first strike Australia batted on an easy paced wicket and with Bradman getting his usual century his

third against us on this tour the home side made 382 for 8.

At this stage Jupiter Pluvius made his presence felt. Bradman declared and we went in. The tropical downpour and subsequent drying up process had turned the Gabba wicket into a typical Sticky dog or the glue pot as is the Australian term for it!

In between the stoppages by rain we were caught on such a batting inferno. Amarnath showed some resistance in the first innings and made a very useful 20 odd. I too tried to stay as much as was possible. But the wicket was now tailor made for any bowler of some pace. Toshack the left handed medium paced trundler reaped a rich and an astonishing haul of 5 wickets for just a couple of runs! Fantastic indeed! He was among the wickets a second time too.

Following our dismal reply of 58 we inevitably followed on. The wicket grew worse. Sarwate and I managed to hold the fort for some time but knew all the time that it was a hopeless task. We were bundled out a second time. In this innings we made 98. These were the lowest Test scores in Australia by a side after the South Africans had fared even more shockingly in 1931/32.

After a county match in Queensland we started our journey in the reverse direction. It appeared that we were to experience a few more reverses in the Tests. We came to Sydney to play the second Test. Given normal conditions we hoped to do well and were praying for fair weather.

Young Dattu Phadkar who had replaced paceman Sohoni made an impressive debut and topped the half century mark. We did not use the batting opportunities to the best advantage. I was getting into my stride when Miller bowled a ball outside the off stick. Finding it too close for a safe cut and thinking it going straight through I actually shouldered arms and did not try to play it.

Strange to relate it suddenly swung at the last moment to bowl me. Later Amarnath also left a ball alone only to find himself dismissed by it. Our innings ended for an insufficient 188.

I found my cutters proving effective. I started with getting the all important wicket of Bradman. I clean bowled him. Like most of us the giant proved fallible on a wet wicket. Later I got Hassett, Lindwall and Tallon all reputed batsmen and who had plundered runs against England in the previous rubber. I

returned my best figures in a Test with 4 for 29.

We dismissed Australia for their lowest against us for a number of years. They were all out for 107. Suddenly our modest total in the first innings assumed a good deal of importance if we could consolidate our lead to a sizeable proportion we would have the opponents in a tight corner.

As was to be expected when batting on a treacherous wicket we collapsed and when play ended for the day we had made 61 for the loss of seven wickets. I was batting with 13 runs to my credit and this small figure was a valuable one under the circumstances. I thought I was batting with a good deal of assurance.

But too much of a good thing can lead to the opposite extreme. The rain did not show signs of abating. Bradman looked happier with every fresh shower. After every few minutes he would stroll into our dressing room and remark with assumed seriousness. I am sorry but the rain has not stopped yet!

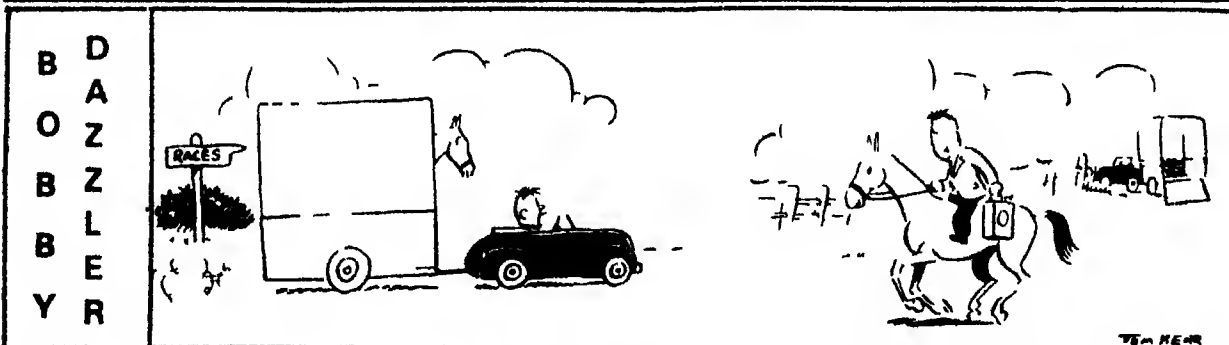
The skies continued to open up but by now our hopes of catching our adversaries a second time on a tricky wicket were folding up. The Test was washed out and we lost the only chance of squaring the matters up.

We knew we were not Australia's equals under normal conditions. But if the conditions favoured them through out the first Test elementary justice demanded that we should receive the same luck. That was not to be and we left Sydney a little unhappily. Neither the Sydney bridge nor the harbour nor the inebriating concoctions (of which most of us were poor judges) could cheer us up!

Away from Test cricket for a while we played a couple of county matches. Amarnath out to enjoy his tour down under decided to keep wickets in one of them. As is well known he was originally a wicketkeeper. His bowling talents were accidentally discovered when he was casually loosening up at the nets in some trial sessions.

Since then he was used as a new ball bowler. His accuracy ability to bowl a deadly inswinger and the slightly baffling wrong foot delivery made him one of the best new ball bowlers in the country. He kept his wicketkeeping talents in reserve and was to put them to harness in a Test against the West Indies.

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**And Kirmani... India's wicketkeeper  
attends "to shoot" our cameraman**  
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**Sunjit Sengupta...  
scored Bagan's lone  
goal in the Federation  
Cup final**

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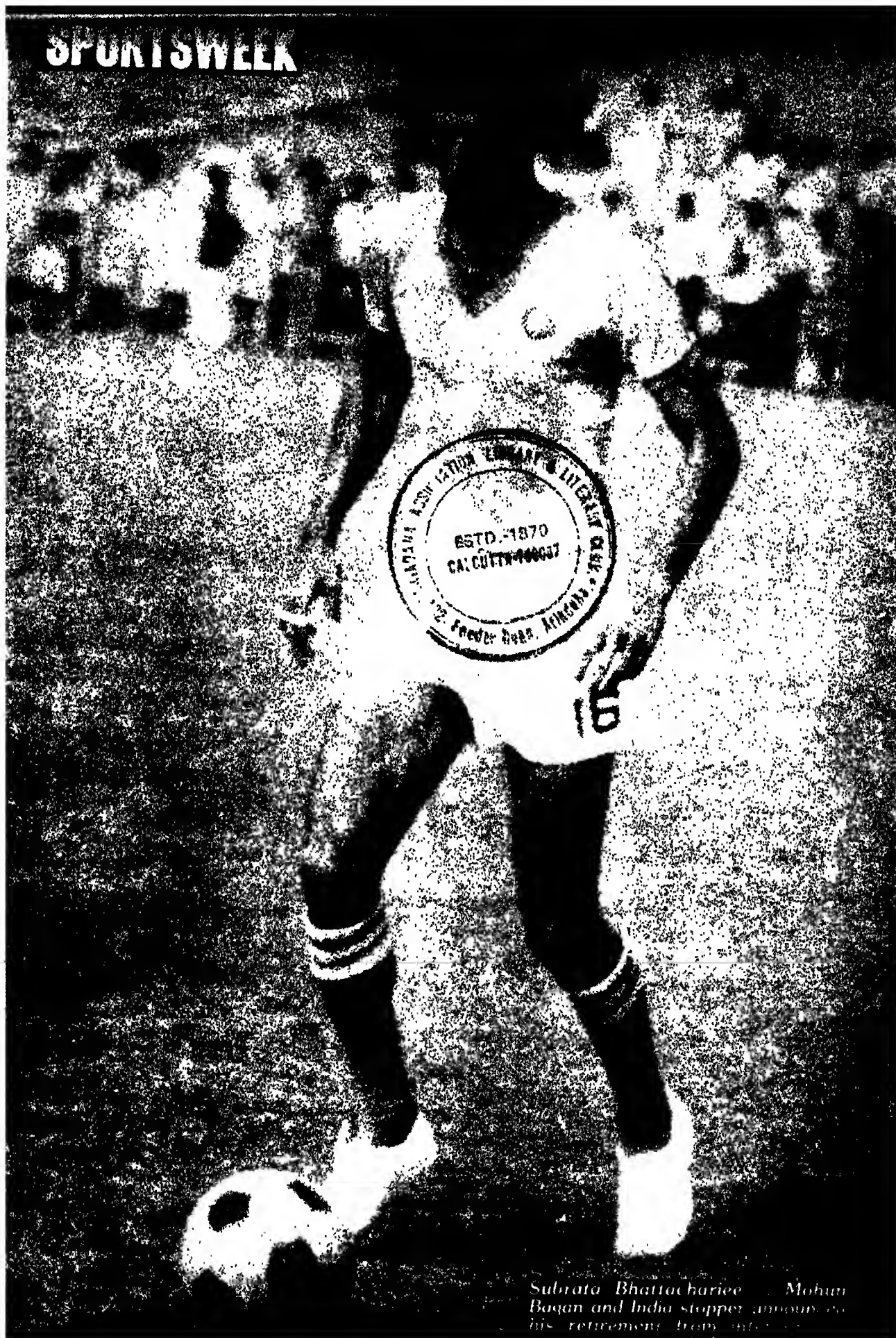
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Subrata Bhattacharjee, Mohun Bagan and India stopper, announces his retirement from international football.

# The undeniable force of figures

**A** N event of considerable importance—to cricket in the country, and particularly to the Ranji Trophy championship took place before the start of the 1946-47 season in the release of the book "Twelve Years of Ranji Trophy" by S. K. Gurunathan of The Hindu, Madras, who was also the Honorary Statistician of the Board of Control for Cricket in India. The period covered was the first 12 years of the championship from 1934-1945.

The late Gurunathan was a moderate club cricketer and, as he was more of a wicket-keeper than a batsman or a bowler, he had not, in terms of figures, any worthwhile performances to his credit which could go into print.

But, obviously, he had a fascination for statistics, which drove him to bring out an earlier publication, "The Madras Sports Annual," concerning sports and games in Madras. Obviously too, the welcome to this venture encouraged Gurunathan to take up the compiling of the statistics of the Ranji Trophy Championship.

In his preface to the book, Gurunathan stressed that "figures are not everything in cricket, and yet, the force of figures is undeniable."

After acknowledging his indebtedness to The Hindu, "the source of all information," Gurunathan stated: "This work is an attempt as much to preserve the records of the many cricketers whose sporting efforts have provided so much absorbing interest during the last twelve years, as to maintain the increasing interest in the National Championship matches throughout the country. For indeed, the Ranji Trophy Championship has come to stay." Gurunathan, as he has stated, took more than four years to compile the book and acknowledge the help given by the member associations to the venture.

In his foreword to the book, the late Dr. P. Subbarayan, one of the past presidents of the Board, refers, in glowing terms, to Gurunathan's effort.

"As the period covered is twelve years, Gurunathan has had to do a great deal of work to collect the material for this book. It has been a labour of love with him and he has done a real service to Indian cricket.

"The compilation will be a mine of information to which one will turn whenever one wants to find out anything about the Ranji Trophy. Wisden in England is a mine of cricket information and I hope, for Indian cricket, Gurunathan's book will be of as great value."

Logically, Gurunathan followed this work with an annual publication called the Indian Cricket, which as Dr. Subbarayan envisaged, has come to

occupy a very important place in Indian cricket", one is even emboldened to refer to it as the Wisden of Indian cricket.

Attempts have been made by others, like Dickey Rutnagur, about two decades ago to bring out a similar annual but due to various reasons the efforts were not sustained. One of the main reasons, apart from the devotion of Gurunathan to the cause, was the full backing that the publishers Kasturi & Sons gave to it then, and persisted with it till today.

I consider it an honour and privilege when Gurunathan took me under his wings, so to say, and involved me in the process of publishing Indian Cricket.

It was with some trepidation that, on his death, I took over the editorship of the annual, to which I am indebted to the publishers. While everyone concerned with Indian cricket would acknowledge the deep debt of gratitude that he owes to Gurunathan, the founder of the annual would be most happy if he were alive today, to see the robustness of the child which he had nurtured so devotedly, so lovingly in its early years.

Here I also wish to refer to the efforts that Anandji Dossa, the well-known statistician of Bombay, and till recently the chairman of the Statistical Committee of the Board, in maintaining a year-by-year record of the Ranji Trophy matches since inception and its many important incidents.

Anandji Dossa should have been of great help to Gurunathan in the early years as he was to me later on, in editing the book. The worth of Anandji Dossa's effort I realised fully when I was charged with bringing out the Board's Golden Jubilee publication "Forty-five years of Ranji Trophy," when he supplemented with valuable information whatever I could get from Gurunathan's publications. Whatever cricket records Anandji has maintained should be preserved by the Indian Board when he calls it a day.

By the time the championship was ten years old, the rules for the same became

somewhat stabilised. All matches upto the Zone final were of four days duration and the semi-finals and final were played to a finish. The duration of play was from five to five and a half hours a day "subject to weather conditions or any other condition at the discretion of the umpires."

"In the event of the first innings of either team not being concluded within four days, the match shall be decided by the spin of the coin."

After stating that a new ball should be used for every 200 runs for matches on turf and for every 150 runs for those on matting, the rules state: "When Indian-made balls are used, the same rule as is contained in the rules of the Ranji Trophy will apply, except that at any time during the play, the umpires feel that the ball should be changed, they should have a right to call for another ball."

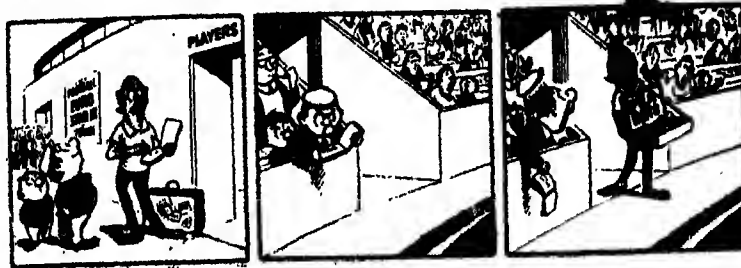
An interesting provision indeed which throwing light on the quality of balls, Indian and English in those early years, and also raises the point about the quality of Indian balls after so much progress made by the sports industry in the country.

I wish to conclude this reference to Twelve Years of Ranji Trophy and the launching of the Indian cricket with a quote from the late C. K. Nayudu in the inaugural number of Indian cricket.

"Our age is an age of business and cricket has not escaped the fatal touch of commercialism. There is a tendency to regard statistics as the best indication of a player's ability. This has led to the emergence of a school of stone-wallers. Cricket must be played in harmony with its inherent genius, with wild and free abandon. Let our players attack the bowlers and provide spectators with a feast of stroke-play. 'If cricket, like life, is full of uncertainties, why make it a dull affair?'"

Another suggestion of C. K., which is still to be realised, related to raising the standard of umpiring. "Cricketers who are either too old or too busy to play regularly should come forward to help in raising the efficiency of this important department."

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## The day when a vision took form

**T**ODAY it is hard to conceive of life without the World Cup. For a full month, its skills, its style and its scraps are closely watched by countless millions of soccer fans. Global communications flash results from every corner of the world, and the age of television makes international playing legends out of men born and raised far from their own home hearths.

It is something of a shock to realize that no team from Britain—the country that gave organized soccer to the world—had played an international match against a South American country until England competed in the 1950 World Cup in Brazil.

Indeed, only a little more than half a century ago anyone mentioning the possibility of a world championship for soccer professionals would have been gently nudged out of any rational conversation.

But there was a tiny group of men of wider vision who sat round a table in Paris on 21 May 1904 and talked F.I.F.A. (Federation Internationale de Football Association), the world's governing body of soccer, into being.

Representing Belgium, Denmark, France, Holland, Spain, and Switzerland, they spoke for only a small fraction of what is now a vast, inter-continental playing field. But they were careful to insert into their constitution a clause guaranteeing F.I.F.A. the sole right to organize a world championship.

The names of the two Frenchmen whose strength of purpose enlightened these historic talks are quite properly engraved in gold and silver: Jules Rimet on the World Cup trophy that became Brazil's permanent property when they won it for the third time in 1970; and Henri Delaunay on the European Championship trophy, the prize for Europe's champion country.

What became increasingly obvious to these men and those who worked with them in the two decades of groundwork that lay ahead was that the growing number of sportsmen playing for hard cash was undermining the ideal of the Olympic Games as the international meeting place for soccer.

This issue still haunts the Olympics, as hosts of 'shamateur' athletes take home medals supposedly shining with the amateur ideal. The fact that countries such as Spain, Hungary, and Austria formally embraced a professional code was one thing that made it easier for soccer to establish its own tournament on open lines.

It should not be forgotten, though, that Olympic soccer—despite the lame charade that gives the State-sponsored stars of Eastern Europe a domination they never enjoy in the World Cup—inspired the first international contact between Europe and the Americas at the Paris Games in 1924.

And what a revelation that turned out to be, as a crowd of 50,000 watched Uruguay strike gold with a grace and strength that brought them their twentieth goal against two in just five games.

The tournament gave a vivid indication of the potential of a World Cup. Two years later, Delaunay told the F.I.F.A. Congress: 'Today international football can no longer be held within the confines of the Olympics. Many countries where professionalism is now recognized and organized cannot any longer be represented by their best players there.'

It was the force of such thinking that created the World Cup and established the setting for the emergence of the Super Six: those half-dozen countries who have actually possessed the world's most prized sporting trophy. This, then, is their story.



Beginning this issue, SPORTSWEEK presents a series of extracts from David Barnes' *The Game of the Century*.

### URUGUAY: CHAMPIONS 1930 AND 1950

The World Cup story began in the bustling port of Montevideo, capital of Uruguay, whose conquering heroes had retained their Olympic title in Amsterdam two years before. The occasion fitted aptly into the celebrations for Uruguay's centennial.

The Uruguayans built the Centenary Stadium for up to 100,000 spectators in just eight months, three of them months of heavy rain, and they offered travel and living expenses to all participants. In the event, Uruguay's exciting initiative was abjectly rewarded: only France, Yugoslavia, Rumania, and Belgium embarked on the long boat trip from Europe.

Rumania had the personal intervention of their own King Carol to thank for their presence: the sports-mad monarch selecting the side himself and obtaining their release from English oil companies that were more interested in the filling of barrels.

Uruguay prepared its players with spartan intensity. They were closeted in a luxury hotel for almost two months and were denied evening access to their wives and families. This was all too much for star goalkeeper Mazzali. He was spotted tip-toeing into the hotel one night with his shoes in his hands, and was summarily cast out of the World Cup.

Uruguay's winning run to the final brought their countrymen to a peak of



## David Barnes

excitement. And there were incidents in other games, involving their bitter rivals Argentina, to raise both their temperatures and their smiles.

Argentina were defending a 1-0 lead against a French counter-attack when the referee blew his whistle for time—six minutes early. This was readily accepted by Argentine players and fans, who hugged each other, weeping with happiness.

But the French were outraged, as was the Uruguayan public which had enthusiastically supported them. There were fifteen minutes of chaos before the Brazilian referee was persuaded to restart the match, during which time the Argentine forward Cierro had fainted. Not surprisingly after such a hectic intermission, the score was still 1-0 at the end of the match.

The second incident, which took place during Argentina's semifinal with the United States, brought a touch of comic relief. The American medical man rushed on to the pitch to remonstrate with the referee for giving a foul against his team. He hurled his first aid box to the ground and had to be helped from the pitch as he sagged under the influence of his own chloroform. To add insult to injury, Argentina won 6-1.

As thousands of fans headed from Buenos Aires to Montevideo for the final with Uruguay, guards ringed the stadium with bayonets drawn. Fans were searched for revolvers, but the only pre-match trouble was an argument between the teams over whose ball to use.

Argentina won on the toss of a coin, but the greater victory—the first World Cup—went to Uruguay. Despite trailing 2-1 at half-time, they fought their way back to lead 3-2, and then Castro, a handicapped star who had lost the lower part of one of his arms, sent his country into the wildest ecstasy with a fourth goal in the closing seconds.

Uruguay were valid winners, but this did not stop their consulate in Buenos Aires being stoned by angry Argentine fans—nor did it prevent a rift in relations between the soccer authorities of the two countries, with allegations of partial refereeing and brutal play being cast around.

England, at last forsaking their petty rows with FIFA and their nose in the air attitude towards world football, were one of the favourites but suffered their most humiliating international disaster. They were defeated 1-0 by a bunch of United States no-hopers.

The final play-off was between Brazil, Uruguay, Sweden, and Spain. As the last two had the disadvantage of playing in a very alien atmosphere, it was no surprise when Brazil and Uruguay found themselves facing each other for

the World Cup final in the Maracane Stadium before the biggest crowd—estimated at 199,000—ever to assemble for a soccer match.

The whole of Brazil, whipped into a ferment by 7-1 and 6-1 wins over Sweden and Spain, was anticipating a third sweet victory; they needed only a draw to top Uruguay, who had laboured against the same two teams to a 3-2 and win 2-2 draw.

The great majority scoffed at Brazil manager Flavio Costa's pre-match warning. 'The Uruguayan team has always disturbed the slumbers of Brazilian football.'

Now they were to do much more: they were to give them nightmares. For, with the score at 1-1, Uruguay's Ghiggia struck a goal that turned Montevideo into a carnival of dancing and singing the whole night through.

### ITALY: CHAMPIONS 1934 AND 1938

Just as Uruguay had become double World Cup winners at their first two attempts—albeit over a span of twenty years—so Italy carried off the trophy in their two opening challenges.

But if fevered nationalism on a sporting plane had inspired the South American team, there were more sombre political overtones behind the World Cup's introduction to Europe in 1934.

The World Cup tournament had grown in size for this second staging, and sixteen teams were now engaged in the finals. FIFA had realized that the championship could no longer be held within a single city.

What was needed was a country of magnificent stadia and a soccer federation rich enough to support the soaring costs of the operation. Both these criteria made Italy a persuasive candidate.

It is interesting to note that Italy had to qualify for its own tournament by beating Greece. The more logical, modern practice of granting the hosts the right of automatic entry—with an eye to gate revenue—had not yet been accepted.

Mussolini took his seat for all the matches in Rome, foreshadowing Hitler, who was to give a new and alarming dimension to the idea of victory at the Olympic Games in Berlin two years later. On the field, Italy were strengthened by Luisito Monti, Raimondo Orsi and right-winger Guaita.

It was universally accepted that the main challenge to Italy would be mounted by Austria's *Wunderteam* managed by Hugo Meisl, one of the founders of FIFA.

Italy's 7-1 win against the United States in the opening round brought centre-forward Schiavio a hat-trick and laid a solid base for their attack on the trophy.

It was this performance more than any other which caused John

Langenus, the number one referee of his time, to observe: 'In the majority of countries, the world championship was called a sporting fiasco because, beside the desire to win, all other sporting considerations did not exist. Also because over the whole championship there brooded a certain spirit. It was natural that Italy wanted to win—but they allowed it to be seen too clearly.'

Most of the 60,000 crowd at the final in Rome were confidently anticipating an Italian win over Czechoslovakia, but when the Czechs were leading 1-0 with only eight minutes to go, things looked very different. Just at this point Orsi, in full flight, struck Italy level with an astonishing shot that swerved wickedly into the net.

There were no instant T.V. replays in 1934, yet the goal was so magical that the Italian public wanted to see it again. A photographer accompanied Orsi to the stadium next day to reconstruct the goal for posterity.

Although Orsi tried repeatedly to achieve the same feat with the left foot and chip with the right, he had to give up in the end.

The Second World War was looming closely when Italy completed their double in France in 1938, and the approaching conflict was foreshadowed in the make-up of the entrants. Spain, embroiled in its bitter civil war, did not take part.

Although Italy's team was unrecognizably changed from the winning side of 1934, they arrived with powerful credentials—they had lost only once, to Czechoslovakia in Prague, in four years.

Italy's semifinal with Brazil was the scene of one of those colossal blunders which should haunt its perpetrator for the rest of his days.

During the 6-5 win over Poland he had figured in an incident which is now part of World Cup folklore: believing he would do far better in the muddy conditions without his boots on, he had taken them off and flung them over the touchline. The referee's whistle quickly informed him there was no place for such strange practices in the world's top tournament. Still, Leonidas's boots were no good to him in the semifinal with Italy, thanks to the fateful decision to leave him and Tim, another world-class player, on the sidelines.

Italy made no such error. They fielded their most powerful line-up and won a sometimes brutal encounter 2-1. Their second goal from the penalty spot had its comic side, though it was scored by Meazza wearing a pair of shorts that had ripped in two.

Battling constantly against a hostile French crowd, who booed and hissed at them throughout, Italy went on to prove themselves the world's finest side with a solid 4-2 win against Hungary, topped off fittingly with a late goal from Piola.

Not long afterwards war broke out and the world had to wait twelve years for another World Cup championship.

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# World Cup Soccer Special

## The Third World Cup

1938

FIFA membership Entrants 26 Grounds used Stade Colombes, Rheims, Strasbourg, Le Havre, Antibes, Lille Bordeaux Marseilles and Stade Parc des Princes Leading scorer Leonidas da Silva (Brazil) 8 Total attendance 4,83,000 Attendance in the final 45,000

Argentina had a keen desire to stage the third World Cup in 1938 and accordingly they made a strong bid for it at the 1936 FIFA congress at Berlin. In the end however the responsibility was given not to them but to France.

Obviously the Argentinians became infuriated and decided not to send a team to the European country. They did not and Brazil were the sole South American representative to France.

Other nations to qualify for the tournament were Austria, Belgium, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Dutch East Indies, Germany, Hungary, Holland, Norway, Poland, Rumania, Sweden and Switzerland. Italy as the holders and France as hosts were automatic qualifiers.

Austria however were gobbled up by Germany just three months before the tournament and surely as a nation they could not play. So Sweden were given a bye into the second round and Germany secured the services of four Austrian players.

This however meant nothing in the end as the Germans went out to a fighting Swiss team in the very first round. It of course needed a replay for Switzerland to upset the fancied Germans.

### Fine equaliser

In the first match at Stade Parc des Princes, Germany went ahead through Gauchel but just as they looked certain of victory Trello Abbaglien headed in a fine equaliser and the match went into extra time which produced no further goals.

After five days the teams came together at the same venue and Germany looked like having the match wrapped up with a 2-0 lead at half time. The scorers were Hahnenmann and Loetscher (self goal). But early in the second half Wallascheck made it 2-1 and soon after it was 2-2 as Bicke scored. Thereafter Abbaglien scored two more goals to underline his brilliance.

Another upset in the first round came in almost similar fashion when Cuba, to the surprise of everybody, got the better of Rumania. At Toulouse, the Cubans first held their more fancied opponents

to 2-2 and then went up 3-2 at extra time. Dobai however earned a replay for his team.

In the replay Cuba again trailed through a goal from Dobai but finally Tunas and Maquina brought them a splendid victory.

As he had done in 1934 Vittorio Pozzo took the Italian World Cup squad into seclusion a month before the start of the tournament in France.

On his arrival in Paris he made the proud boast that his team was much stronger and more skilful than the 1934 side.

He was however not to know that his team would get a rare fright in the very first round against the Norwegians at Marseilles. Italy shot into the lead in the second minute through Gioneni Ferrari but thereafter Norway pressed hard and shortly after the breather outside left Arne Brustad cut in to score the equaliser.

Now Norway became dangerous and the Italian crosspiece was hit thrice but the match went into extra time. In the fifth minute Silvio Piola Pozzo's new discovery finally cut loose and got the winner for Italy.

### Epic match

It was an epic match at the muddy pitch at Strasbourg as Brazil edged out Poland 6-5 with Leonidas da Silva and Ernest Willamowski both scoring four goals each. Leonidas completed his hat-trick before half time and Brazil led 3-1.

In the second half Poland struck back and as Willamowski got his hat-trick the score board read 4-4 after ninety minutes. In the extra time both players got their fourth goal but Romeo scored the match winner for Brazil in the dying minutes.

At Rheims, Hungary gave the Dutch East Indies, the first team from Asia to take part in the World Cup, proper a torrid time and ran out easy winners by 6-0 with Sarosi and Szengeller both scoring twice.

In Le Havre, Holland took Czechoslovakia into extra time but by then the loss of inside forward Van der Veen through injury proved too much for them and they just could not stop the Czechs from running out winners by three goals to nil.

In the match between France and Belgium at Stade Colombes the former went into the lead within forty seconds when Veinanti shot home a rebound. Just after ten minutes Jean Nicolas made it 2-0 but Leemborgs reduced the lead shortly before half-time. Nicolas however scored again in the 70th minute and France were through to the second round where they would meet Italy.

This second round pairing of hosts and holders should have produced a fascinating duel but the 58,000-strong

crowd at Stade Colombes were simply disappointed.

France however did well in the first half when Heisserer scored to neutralise Colaussi's the Italian outside-left's goal. But in the second they recklessly put everything into the attack only to see Piola turn in a fine performance and score two goals in the process.

In another second round match at Lille, Szengeller scored twice against Switzerland to save Hungary's sole selector Dr. Diest from having to keep his promise of walking to Budapest if Hungary lost!

Feeling the strain of the replay with Germany and without key defender Minelli and winger Aber, Switzerland was never in the fight and conceded a goal in each half.

### Mincemeat

Sweden who had been given a bye met Cuba in the second round at Antibes and made mincemeat of the Central Americans. Led by T. J. Keller and managed by Joseph Nagy, a Hungarian, the Swedes ran up tally of 8-0 with Gustav Wetterstrom the outside right scoring four goals including a hat-trick.

The match between Brazil and Czechoslovakia which was chosen to inaugurate the new stadium at Bordeaux turned out to be a savage brawling affair. Brazil's right half Zeze and left full back Machados and Czechoslovakia's outside right Riha were sent off. Planicka the Czech goalkeeper broke his arm and Nejedly the inside left had his leg broken.

The Brazilians, however were a better side and expectedly they went into the lead in the 30th minute when Leonidas the Black Diamond scored. But fifteen minutes after the breather Nejedly equalised from a spot kick and the extra time proved abortive.

The replay mercifully was free from any untoward incident and Brazil were so sure of victory that they had already sent their main party to Marseilles for the semifinal tie against Italy!

But it were the Czechs who led 1-0 at half-time through a goal from the ever busy left-half Kopecky. Brazil however got into their stride in the second half and Leonidas it was who equalised and Roberto the outside-right got the match-winner in what was his first international appearance.

So the semifinal line up was Brazil vs Italy and Sweden vs Hungary.

The Brazilian team manager Pimenta perpetrated the greatest blunder of the third World Cup when he left out Leonidas and Tim in the semifinal. "We are keeping them for the final," he boasted but the prophecy did not come true.

Italy went into an early lead when Colaussi got past Domingas and beat Walter and by the time the game was fourteen minutes old they were two up

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The hapless Domingas fell prey to a vendetta with Piola and chopped him down inside the box.

Piola showed how cagey he was as the referee awarded a penalty Meazza, being the captain, could not miss it. Romeo scored the reducer in the 87th minute but the Brazilians, hot favourites to win the Cup had already met their match. Ironically, Peracio who stood in for Leonidas missed two of Brazil's best chances.

The other semifinal between Hungary and Sweden was totally one-sided as the former, giving a fine exhibition of attacking football, won 5-1.

Few, however, would have guessed such an outcome when the Swedish outside-left Nyberg opened the account with a snap goal within thirty seconds from the start. Undeterred, Hungary hit back with goals from Szentgeller (2) and Titkos and led 3-1 at half-time after which Sarosi and Szentgeller again hit the target to complete the tally.

Leonidas was brought back into the Brazilian team for the third place match against Sweden at Bordeaux three days before the final and he showed what a mistake it was to drop him in the semifinal.

He wiped off the 2-1 lead of Sweden at half-time then added one more and Peracio completed the tally. It could have been 5-2 if Pateako, the outside-left did not miss a penalty.

### Lukewarm interest

Once Franca had gone out of contention the French showed only lukewarm interest in the proceedings and there were only 45,000 people at Stade Colombes, Paris, on 19th June 1938 when Italy took on Hungary in the World Cup final.

The dispassionate crowd, however, became ecstatic as a classic Italian breakaway opened the scoring in the sixth minute.

Following a Hungarian corner, right-half Seranton pushed the ball to the deep-lying winger Bievati who raced almost the length of the field before finding Meazza. The Italian captain quickly sent Colaussi through and the left-winger made no mistake.

In less than a minute, however, Hungary were level with Sarosi finding Titkos in an unmarked position. But as the game progressed, it became increasingly clear that the Italians had more drive and commitment and they proved it as Meazza laid perfect passes for Piola and Colaussi to take the score to 3-1 at half-time.

Following a melee in the goalmouth, Sarosi managed a second goal for Hungary in the 20th minute of the second-half but just fifteen minutes after, the nail was put into the coffin as Piola crashed home his second goal.

following a beautiful one-two with Bievati.

So, Italy held on to their crown and they did it in a style that was far more convincing than their home victory against Czechoslovakia four years earlier.

Pozzo, the manager, would say, "We played for the World Cup, leaving aside all flourishes" and he was cent per cent correct as Italy exhibited more discipline and physical strength than skill.

## The Fourth World Cup

FIFA membership: 68. Entrants: 28. Grounds used: Rio de Janeiro, Belo Horizonte, Porto Alegre, Sao Paulo, Recife and Curitiba. Leading scorer: Ademir (Brazil) 7. Total attendance 13,37,000. Attendance in the final: 1,99,854 (Official figure although it is generally accepted that there were at least 2,05,000 spectators in the Maracana stadium when Brazil met Uruguay in the last match of the final pool).

As the war clouds broke over Europe in September 1939, the World Cup like the Olympic Games became a forgotten item and it was not until 1950 that it was revived once more and this time the country to host it were Brazil.

A massive three-tier stadium was built standing beside and named after the small river Maracana, it could hold 2,00,000 spectators, separated from

the pitch by a ditch three metres wide and three metres deep.

Ravages of war and various other factors, however, made the entry list a disappointing one. France, Austria, Russia, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Argentina and Scotland were not there and including England, who were competing for the first time, there were only thirteen teams who were divided into four pools.

The divisions caused many misgivings and the choice of venues distinctly favoured the Brazilians who save for only one match need not had to travel long distances.

They were in pool I along with Yugoslavia, Switzerland, and Mexico, Spain, England, Chile and United States constituted the pool II, in pool III there were Sweden, Italy and Paraguay and amazingly there were only two teams, Uruguay and Bolivia, in pool IV.

Even though the Maracana stadium was not quite finished the opening match of the fourth World Cup on 24th June, 1950, produced a welter of noise, pageantry and tremendous excitement as Brazil took the field against Mexico.

Five thousand pigeons fluttered skywards, a twenty-one gun salute was fired and the crowd let off a cacophony of fireworks.

The game in comparison was a dull one and Brazil faced no resistance whatever in notching up a 4-0 win. Inside right Ademir got two and centre-forward Baltazar and inside-left Jair scored one each.

The hosts, however, were to falter after this easy victory. Flavio Costa, reputed to be the highest paid team



Maracana Stadium...supreme, breathtaking, like a giant flying saucer came to rest on earth

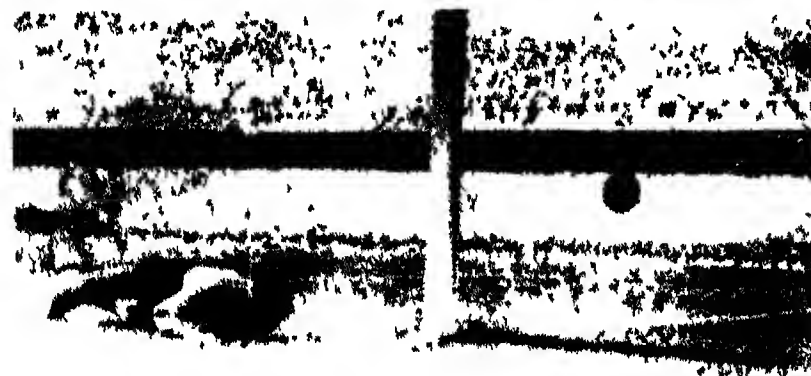
from Vasco da Gama of Rio) became a shade arrogant and dropped four players in the match against Switzerland at Sao Paulo

Brazil now needed nothing short of a victory against Yugoslavia who beat Switzerland 3-0 and Mexico 4-1 and had a better goal average

England, one of the favourites, began their campaign against Chile at the Maracana stadium and the muggy air of the Brazilian capital troubled them. But goals from Stan Mortensen and Wilf Mannion saw them through

England on the other hand could boast of players like Billy Wright, Mannion, Tom Finney, Alf Ramsey, Roy Bentley and Mortensen. They even had the audacity to drop Stanley Matthews against the makeshift American team

The moment of truth however came in the 38th minute when Larry Gaetsens, the Haitian, headed the ball past Bert Williams and that was that. The Americans had pulled off the biggest upset of the World Cup



*Uruguay shock favourites Brazil...Chiggia puts the ball past the diving Brazilian keeper Barbosa to give Uruguay a superb 2-1 victory in the '50 final*

Stanley Matthews was brought on against Spain but the England team were so demoralised that the winger's weaving magical patterns down the wing did them no good and it were the Spaniards who, with a goal from centre-forward Zarra in the 47th minute, went into the final pool having beaten earlier Chile and the United States 2-0 and 3-1 respectively

Of course England had some sort of bad luck as a perfectly good goal by centre forward Jackie Milburn was disallowed by the Italian referee, Galetti. United States were later on shown their true place when Chile hammered them 5-2

The Superga jet which carried the seventeen Torino players plunged into the hillside overlooking Turin in May 1949. Every player, including eight internationals, was killed and with it went Italy's hopes of retaining the Cup

But Italy began well against Sweden in front of an Italo-Brazilian crowd when Riccardo Carapellese, the outside-left and captain, scored in the seventh minute. But Sweden hit back and Hasse Jeppson and Sune Anderson put them up 2-1 at half-time. In the second half,

Jeppson scored again and the Italians got a late goal through pint-sized right-winger Muccinelli to lose 3-2

The Italians were defeated but not disgraced and in the next match they would beat Paraguay, who had earlier held Sweden 2-2, by two goals to nil and facilitate the way for the Swedes to move into the final pool

Uruguay who skipped the last two World Cups, found Bolivia easy meat at Recife. With Juan Schiaffino hitting the target four times, Bolivia conceded eight goals, four in each half, but the margin could surely have been bigger

So Uruguay were through to the final pool where they along with Brazil, Spain and Sweden would play each other on league basis to decide the ultimate winners

There was no final match as such but as we shall see, the last tie between Uruguay and Brazil were levelled as the one

The Brazilians with the resources at their command and with a vociferous crowd to back them up were clearly the

favourites for the Cup. In their first two matches against Sweden and Spain they were unstoppable and ran out winners by 7-1 and 6-1 respectively

Against Sweden at the Maracana stadium, Brazil were up 3-1 at half-time with Ademir scoring two and Chico adding the third. Anderson scored Sweden a goal from a penalty. Brazil increased the pressure after the breather and Ademir got two more and Chico one more and Maneca scored the last

Sweden's manager George Rayner, a Yorkshireman, thought an early goal would unsettle Brazil, but he was daydreaming

Spain acutely aware of Ademir's scoring prowess left two men to guard him but in the process kept the door ajar for the other forwards. Jair (2), Chico (2) and Zizinho scored for Brazil and Igoo reduced the margin for Spain. Centre half Parra added to Spain a misery by putting the ball into his own net

In the meanwhile Uruguay ran into troubles against Spain at Sao Paulo. Thanks to Basora's two goals, Spain were leading 2-1 at half-time and the



*Stanley Matthews of England... a forward so rare*

score remained unchanged upto the 72nd minute when the Uruguayan captain Varela came from behind to drive home the equaliser

Against Sweden too, Uruguay were trailing 2-1 at the breather but in the second half, they somehow pulled it back to 3-2. Ghiggia and Miguez 2) scored for Uruguay while Palmei and Sundqvist got the goals for Sweden who later on went to beat Spain 3-1 to take the third place

The stadium was packed to capacity on 16th July, 1950 when Brazil and Uruguay met in the last match of the pool which in effect was the final

With most of the crowd roaring the Brazilians scintillated with all their earlier brilliance in the first half but they just could not beat the Uruguayan defence in which skipper Varela marshalled everything. Of course they had their chances but a couple of desperate saves by goalkeeper Maspoli kept the score-board blank at half-time

But just two minutes after the restart, Ademir and Zizinho played a beautiful bout of wall passes and the ball ran loose to outside-right Friaca whose powerful shot finally beat Maspoli

The joy however was short lived as in the twentieth minute Varela sent Ghiggia hurtling down the flank. The right-winger's cross found unmarked Schiaffino who had time to measure his shot and beat Barbosa hands down

The Brazilian defence now looked vulnerable particularly on the left side. Ghiggia utilised the opportunity in the 80th minute when he accepted a return pass from Perez dribbled down the wing and hit the ball between Barbosa and the near post. Uruguay lead 2-1

As an eerie silence prevailed over the stadium Brazil now put everything into the attack but it was of no avail and the final whistle came shortly after

All Brazil wept and the Jules Rimet trophy went back to Montevideo after twenty years

To be continued

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# Big names toppled unceremoniously

**N**ONE of the previous Federation Cup Football Tournaments produced so many upsets as did the sixth one that concluded recently at the Corporation Stadium in Calicut. And the biggest shocks were provided in matches involving the big three of Calcutta. For a start there was the defeat of East Bengal by Salgaocar. Then there were the sharing of points by Mohammedan Sporting and East Bengal with Jagatjit Cotton and Textile Mills, by Mohun Bagan with Mafatlal in the quarter-final league. Mohun Bagan's survival in the double-legged semifinal with Mohammedan Sporting and lastly from the point of view of Calcutta a most pleasant reversal of the form book by Mohun Bagan against Mafatlal in the final.

Mohun Bagan held on to the beautiful cup they had won outright at Madras last year largely due to big slices of luck and to touching their form in the final. An encouragement to them for the

Calcutta League and other events of the season, for almost all of which the 33 probabilities for the Asian Games will not be allowed to play for their clubs. Till the Asiad these players will be in training and then with the second Nehru International Gold Cup at Ernakulam in January next and the National Championship at Calcutta next February the majority of them will be on national call.

The champions, of course, will not have the services of Francis D'Souza, who has been inducted as one of the four additions for the Asiad camps following the retirement from international football of Subroto Bhattacharjee. Otherwise they will be able to field more or less the same squad that donned their colours in the Federation Cup.

Mohun Bagan's arch rivals, East Bengal, and last year's Calcutta League winners, Mohammedan Sporting, also will be able to call on all the men who

assisted them in the Federation Cup. Both, however, would have to perform better to better their claims for various trophies this season. But both rivals of Mohun Bagan could take some consolation and heart from the fact that they have the men and the potential to fight out at the finish. This was most evident in the matches that caused their eliminations.

The tournament also revealed that the Calcutta teams will have stiffer tasks in overcoming challenges from Bombay, Goa and Punjab. For Mafatlal, Salgaocar and Jagatjit Cotton and Textile Mills suggested that with a little more run of the ball they could have made further progress than they did, the one exception being Mafatlal in the final.

First Mohun Bagan The champions played three quarter-final league matches in the space of six days. Though they started off on a winning note, they were given some anxious

## Federation authorities blank out AIR!

**T**HERE were quite a few people who were not happy with the organising committee of the sixth Federation Cup Football Tournament held at the Corporation Stadium, Calicut, recently. All India Radio understandably were one. Though every night they broadcasted a resume of the day's matches over the Calicut station, they could not do a live broadcast on an event that interests fans all over the country.

It is learnt that A.I.R. wrote to the organising committee of their desire to do running commentaries from the semi-finals. They had written in the first week of April. But till three or four days before the first leg semi-final between Mohun Bagan and Mohammedan Sporting the organising committee had not replied. And when they did it was only to inform A.I.R. that running commentaries would affect the gate takings.

This is strange. For, all big events and even league matches in Calcutta and Bombay are covered by A.I.R. with running commentaries. The National Championship at Trichur in January was likewise covered. Why, even the National Championship at the same ground in Calicut in 1975-

76 was broadcast live. And there was not a seat vacant.

One understands that the last of this unhappy episode has not been heard. It is likely that A.I.R. would take it up with the Kerala State Sports Council and even at higher levels, if necessary.

Somehow the impression was of not everything being friendly and what it should have been. Take the case of the announcement of the Olympian J. Kittu Memorial Fund. Calicut University coach Usman Koya said he owes plenty to the former India vice-captain and chief coach of the National Institute of Sports (South), Bangalore, and as a measure of his gratitude undertook the task to raise the fund to help Kittu's hard-hit family.

Koya, who has a deformed left hand due to a serious accident in childhood and yet played for Alind Recreation Club when they were Kerala's outstanding outfit, was drawn to coaching by Kittu. He was also able to get his coaching certificate, thanks to Kittu, who brushed aside objections that being handicapped he would not be able to demonstrate.

Koya has vindicated Kittu's faith through his record with Calicut University over the last decade and more. His teams

have won the All-India Inter-University title (Sir Ashutosh Mukherjee Shield) more often than any other since the late sixties.

He got together the captains of Calicut University teams and formed a committee to raise funds. This was given wide publicity and announced over the public address system at the Corporation Stadium during breaks of the matches. So, too, was the exhibition of a film, "The Giants of Brazil", to augment the fund.

But Koya could not get the permission from the Kozhikode District Football Association to announce over the public address system on the day of the final the amount collected till that day. He was advised to publicise it through the press. Which he did. The amount, nearly Rs. 20,000, with promise of more contributions from some of his old players who are not employed away from Calicut in India and abroad.

Koya was momentarily upset. However, he buoyed up at the thought that football lovers have helped his boys and him to contribute for the welfare of the orphaned family and their respects to a passionate teacher of football.

—SW Correspondent





**Mohun Bagan skipper Shyam Thapa is hoisted by his teammates after their victory over Mafatlal, and the jubilant 'trickers with the Federation Cup**

moments by the only Kerala side to reach the last eight, Premier Tyres. An early goal and another soon after the interval put the champions in clover. They were able to indulge in purposeless play, but I felt they could have used the later stages of the second half to get a better feel of the ground and try out their basic patterns of play.

Their reputation gave Mohun Bagan an early advantage in their next match against Mafatlal but before the game was 20 minutes old the tide changed. Their own defence was under severe pressure, with Pran Chatterjee having the better of the duels with veteran Subroto Bhattacharjee. But the youthful wing backs of the Calcutta side Gauranga Banerjee and Krishnendu Roy, worked manfully to plug the gaps. Goalkeeper Shibaji Banerjee, who got away scot free when he kicked Mafatlal winger Choudhary whereas his counterpart, D'Silva had been shown the yellow card by referee Hakeem for delaying the taking of a goal kick, also was lucky to somehow deflect a couple of goal bound efforts.

Border Security Force, who were made to play Mafatlal and Premier Tyres on successive days, have slipped a lot this year. Skipper Narendra Gurung continues to be their key man, but he is not as effective. Of course, in brief spells, he dazzled and threatened. But their hopes were dashed early in the second half when they were making a determined effort to wipe out the first half arrears of two goals. Krishnendu Roy tapped down with his hand inside the box a pass of Gurung but referee G. Natarajan of Karnataka signalled there was no infringement.

It was only after this that B.S.F. gave up the fight and Mohun Bagan got their last goals in the 4-0 victory which included a hat-trick by Francis D'Souza and Ulaganathan getting a gift from goalkeeper Charanjit Singh for the last goal.

Mohun Bagan played second fiddle to Mohammedan Sporting in the double-legged semifinal. The latter, who had drawn all their three quarter-final league ties, with J.C.T. Mills, Salgaocar and East Bengal, were a transformed side at the sight of more familiar rivals.

Coach Syed Naeemuddin also cleverly switched the roles of Jamshed Nassiri and Majid Baksar, with the former roving all bout to provide the passes for his Iranian colleague playing as the spearhead. The third Iranian, Mehmood Khabazzi and deep defenders Moidul

Islam and Prem Dorji all contributed to the Mohammedan's superiority.

But the Mohammedans did not have the luck to convert their hold into goals, and Mohun Bagan skipper veteran Shyam Thapa, showed great resolve to

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**The player of the tournament, Mafatlal's Ranjit Thapa, vying for the ball with Salgaocar's Maurice in their first-leg semi-final**



## Federation Soccer

break away and pave the way for their goal. The Mohammedans equalised soon through Dorji, but after that just could not lodge the ball in the net for all their domination. Perhaps feeling the element of surprise would have worn off and that Mohun Bagan may come prepared to scotch his tactics of the first leg, Naeem reverted to playing Jamshed as the spearhead and Mejid as the purveyor in chief. This gave them an even share of play, but not the ascendancy of the first leg. Yet the Mohun Bagan defence had their hands full, and Surajit Sengupta, who had a fine tournament, sent Amitava Mukherjee through for their first goal. Mohun Bagan's second goal climaxed their surge in the final phases of the match.

The Mohammedans had had to at least draw with East Bengal to finish second to Salgaocar in Group II, while their rivals, who had lost to Salgaocar, had to win. East Bengal did enough to take both points and led midway through the first half when Amalraj, their most industrious player, opened the score. They should have made the issue safe before Mejid equalised a minute from the interval. They will never be thwarted by the woodwork for a long time as much as they were in the second half.

But East Bengal, who have gained quite a number of players in the Calcutta inter-club transfers, were the least impressive of the three teams from the eastern metropolis. Mohammed Habib, who missed the match against J.C.T. Mills as he went to Delhi to receive from President Sanjiva Reddy his Arjuna Award, played poorly. Younger brother Akbar was not as sharp in his shooting as he was at Madras last year. Their one asset is the form shown by goalkeeper Tapas Chakraborty.

### Second only

In popularity the Calcutta teams were second only to Mafatlal and Salgaocar. Both the western India outfits had not held out much hope before the quarter-final leagues. But here they grew into forces to reckon with. Mafatlal's Ranjit Thapa was voted the outstanding player of the tournament and collected a bagful of prizes. Be it in the attack or in midfield when skipper Keith Swain was injured, the veteran was irresistible. He showed not only great skill but also guts in playing in the final with a groin injury because his team had no adequate replacement. His colleague in midfield, Bhushen Chandra Gurung, was also not fit. That accounted in some measure for Mafatlal's eclipse in the final.

Mafatlal could look with satisfaction on their performance, though coach Maqbool Ahmed may disagree. Goalkeeper Sacramento D'Silva is coming on well and so is Pran Chatterjee as a striker. Fidelis Cardozo showed he is gaining in confidence. But the deep defence lacks steadiness.

Salgaocar survived the desperate attempts of Tata Sports Club, who did

not have the time and competition to harmonise their new recruits from East Bengal with the existing personnel and play a new system to boot. But once their initial hesitation against East Bengal was over without damage, Salgaocar went from strength to strength. Their three-man midfield played better and held the key to their success. But once Mafatlal's defence got wise to their mode of attack, Salgaocar found themselves baulked. Yet they have some fine young players in Ignatius, Maurice, Mariano D'Souza, Mariano Dies, Anthony and Rebello—the last named has been called for Asian preparations as also, goalkeeper Brahmanand. With experience in the form of Oscar Rebello, Jose D'Souza, Arnold Rodrigues and Bento Andrew the Goa Super League champions are on the threshold of good things.

More than B.S.F. J.C.T. carried Punjab's challenge. Although they were without Parmar in the deep defence and

Harjinder in the attack, they were still a challenge to all. Their speed disconcerted their rivals, but Kultar Singh and Kashmiri were more often wide off the mark than on it. Inder Singh played only against Mohammedan Sporting and acquitted himself well in the first half. Parminder Singh too was consistent. But veteran Ravi Kumar let in some silly goals.

Of the other teams, none looked formidable, and though the eighth quarter-finalists, Premier Tyres, are an ageing lot, they still have the speed in wingers M.M. Paulose and N.J. George to stun the opposition before the latter settle down. But for all the gallant efforts of Jaffar they could not sustain their challenge. None of the teams knocked out before the quarter-finals did much of note, though some like State Bank (Madras), Vasco and Titanium did not give in easily.

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Mohd's striker Sankar Adhikari moves away from a flying tackle by Bagan's Subrato Bhattacharjee in the first-leg semifinal which they drew 1-1

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## Frost's absence will hit Denmark

—By Shirish Nadkarni—

**R**EIGNING All-England champion Morten Frost Hansen of Denmark is one heck of a superstitious fellow. Practically all sportsmen are, for that matter. Gavaskar wears a Vibhuti given to him by his guru, Satya Saibabe on his person every time he goes out to bat; he is also passionately attached to a floppy white hat.

Viswanath's right hand keeps touching his back pocket before returning to his bat, as the bowler begins his run-up. Ian Botham, perhaps the greatest all-rounder in the game today, sits in a particularly dilapidated chair in the Somerset dressing-room at Taunton; the chair is reserved for him every time he participates in a match on his home ground, by tacit consent amongst his teammates.

Frost is no different. Last March, he won the prestigious All-England men's singles crown at Wembley, thereby crowning himself unofficial world champion. At the time, he was playing with a Yonex carbon-shaft racket. It is obvious that he considers the racket a lucky charm, for he does not want to relinquish it. And thereby, he has got himself into a major mess.

Months ago, he signed a contract with Carlton, the biggest rivals to Yonex in the world. The contract stipulated that he would begin playing with Carlton rackets from April 1, 1982. A fancy sum, (reputed to run into five figures, in pounds sterling) had changed hands at the time.

### Rumblings

Rumblings of the magnitude of the problem that Frost faces surfaced at the European Championships itself, last month. It was supposed to be the first major world-level tournament that Frost was scheduled to play with a Carlton racket. He flatly refused to play with Carltons. Carltons threatened to sue for breach of contract. Frost thought the better of it, and skipped the championships, which, incidentally, he has never won, despite two serious earlier attempts at it.

Denmark missed him at those championships in West Germany in the team events, but felt that he would be able to sort out the hassle in time for the Thomas Cup inter-zonal tie against Japan, recent winners over the United States in the Pan-American zone. Accordingly, the 24-year-old student of history at Copenhagen University was named in the six-man squad.

Both sides in the tussle apparently

proved adamant; and the problem has not been resolved at the time of going to press. That automatically means that Frost will not play for his country in the match against the Japanese at Huddersfield, England later this week. This was confirmed in a terse statement by team spokesman, Peter Soerensen, on the eve of the tie.

Denmark will be seriously hit by Frost's absence. Apart from his two certain singles wins, Frost would, in all likelihood, have partnered Steen Fladberg in the doubles. That would have given Denmark an unmistakable edge in four matches, with veteran Flemming Delfs' rich experience and fighting spirit providing the fifth win in one of his two singles matches.

Now, with Frost out, Denmark will have to rely heavily on Delfs' matches. Very probably, Delfs will opt for the third singles, and play in the doubles with his old partner, the hulking giant, Steen Skovgaard. The latter was conspicuous by his absence at the recent All-England—the first Wembley tournament he has missed in six years. Delfs and Skovgaard are world-class.

It means that Jesper Helledie and Klaus Andersen will have to battle it out with Kinji Zeniya and Masao Tsuchida for singles wins, leaving Toshihiro Tsuji to Delfs. This will be a calculated gamble, for Steen Fladberg, the man with a tremendous defence, will have to play with Jesper Helledie, and pull out both his doubles matches. That would give the Danes the required five matches. Helledie and Fladberg paired up recently at Wembley.

It would be dangerous to play Delfs in both singles and doubles, for the tall former world champion is not as fit, at 30, as he used to be; and is unable to last out a tough match. To play four matches in two days will be, for Delfs, a herculean task. He will sorely feel the absence of Jens Peter Nierhoff, who has not been selected for some strange reason.

Nor is that great fighter Svend Pri in the side. Pri was seriously injured a few months ago, and spent weeks in hospital. At 35, Pri may not be the threat he was when he won the All-England title from Hartono in 1975, but his bustling presence would have been a psychological boost to Denmark. He was one of the main architects in Denmark's victory over India in the last Thomas Cup series in 1979, with a merited straight games win (at 17-14, 15-5) over Prakash Padukone.

Pri, as national coach, will, however, be on the sidelines, cheering his team

on. All his vast experience will be called upon to aid the young side, reduced now to five members. Still, a march over Japan. The winners of the tie will clash with China two days later.

## Pro-Kennex Grand Prix

**P**RO-KENNEX, manufacturers of rackets equipment, have come in a big way with commercial sponsorship for a prize-money circuit for badminton in 1983. The circuit will be called the 'Pro-Kennex Grand Prix', and will cover ten tournaments in Asia and Europe. It will provide a much-needed link between various international tournaments, and ensure that the top stars are seen in action at all the venues.

The circuit will encompass men's and women's singles only. Points for performance will be awarded at each tournament, along the lines of the ATP circuit in tennis. The top twelve men and women will then qualify for the Pro-Kennex Masters Championships in December—which will signal the end of the circuit for that year.

The total prize money for the championship event is \$70,000. In addition to this, the Pro-Kennex Grand Prix will offer bonus pool money to be divided among the top 25 men and top 20 women finishers. The classification for the tournaments places the All-England Championships alone in Category I; contests offering prize-money in excess of U.S. \$20,000 in Category II; those offering more than \$15,000 in Category III; and those giving \$10,000 in Category IV.

In 1983, both the All-England Championships and the official World Championships (which are held once in three years) to be held this time in Copenhagen, are to be included in the Grand Prix circuit. The Open Championships of Japan, Sweden, India, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, China, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Canada and Holland will be the other eight in the ten-tournament circuit.

The influx of big money into badminton was expected, and will give the game a much more glamorous image that it has held in the past. Now, players can devote themselves entirely to the pursuit of the game, secure in the knowledge that they can make a career of it, should they prove good enough to reach world-class.



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## Marlex Open Tennis

# Opportunity to judge young aspirants

**T**HE Marlex juniors tennis tournament provided an excellent opportunity to judge the standards of the country's young aspirants and the picture it presented was neither very bright nor gloomy.

Though Amit Bhargava, who is 22nd in the boys' rankings just released by the International Tennis Federation, and Jayant Rikheya, 57th, were conspicuous by their absence, most other leading juniors were in the fray and they provided some absorbing fare.

The Marlex was the first of this season's series of tournaments designed to provide youngsters with competitive experience during the summer vacation. It showed that even though Maharashtra were foremost in organisation, most of the leading youngsters were still from the South and Madras in particular.

The boys under 18 final was contested by Vikram Srinivasan of Madras, and Dinesh Reddy of Bangalore. One of the losing semifinalists Ajay Srinivasan was also from Madras. The lone representative from Maharashtra in the last four was Pune's Jaideep Date.

Yet talent wise Date was perhaps the most promising player on view. The lanky lad also exhibited the correct approach as he served well and rushed quickly to the net for a sharp volley.

Vikram and Ajay Srinivasan, on the other hand stroked soundly from the baseline as only to be expected of players from Madras, but served poorly. Dinesh Reddy, the top seed, and one of the probabilities for the Asian Games, is endowed with a good all-round game but played some patchy tennis.

Date should have scored over Vikram Srinivasan in the semi-final. The pace he set was a little too hot for the No. 1 junior from Madras. A set up, Date broke for a 3-2 lead in the second, but lost the advantage and the set on the tie-breaker. A fast-tinger Date was no match to the efficient Vikram in the decider. Clearly Date needs to strengthen his legs and improve his stamina.

Vikram, too, has his shortcomings. As stated earlier, he needs to improve his serve. He is also a slow mover. He is on the heavy side. He will be well advised to cut down on rice, and shed a few kilos.

However, Vikram makes up for these deficiencies through sound ground-strokes on both flanks and a never say die spirit. Few would have given him much hope after Dinesh Reddy centered away with the first set of the final at 6-2. Vikram hung on to take the next at love and clinched the decider on the tie-breaker even though Reddy made up a 1-4 deficit.

Though the better player, Reddy was

unable to live up to the expectations he had raised while winning the Modi tournament last summer. His concentration tends to waver and he is unable to put his all into every point.

Reddy was thus stretched to 9-7 in the best of 17 games quarter-finals by Shiv Kumar, a talented player who can do better with application and was taken to three sets by Ajay Srinivasan in the semifinal.

The younger brother of Vikram and the Madras No. 2 Ajay attracted a lot of attention by the facility with which he hit double-handed strokes on both flanks.

A two-handed forehand may be novel in India but American Gene Mayer is already employing it with considerable success in the pro-circuit. The advantages and drawbacks are the same as in the double-handed backhand with the player getting power, topspin and accuracy but less reach.

In Ajay's case, there was little else. He seldom, if ever, attempted to volley and his serve was too poor for words. Not surprisingly Reddy won half the battle by attacking his weak second serve.

Maharashtra representatives were to the fore in the lower age groups. None more so than Hari Iyer and Naareen Shujatali, both under 14.

How outstanding Hari Iyer was in his age group may be seen from the fact that he did not concede a single game to R. Bachan in the quarter-final and Pradeep Ramen in the semis and dropped, but one game in each set to Kartik Ramen in the final.

Hari takes his tennis seriously and is ever loath to lose a point. At the same time, he is ever willing to attack. He also

reached the under-18 quarter-final where Date proved a little too strong for him.

Naareen went one better by winning both the under-14 and under-18 titles. She thus became the only player to register a double.

In the under 18 final Naareen fought back after the loss of the opening set to down Madras's Radhika Krishnan, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2. Naareen was the more forceful of the two, both from the baseline and at the net.

Bombay players bagged two more titles as Jay Merchant won the boys under-12 and Gaurav Nataraj, the under-10. The two, in fact, contested the under-12 finals which Jay clinched 9-0.

However, Gaurav evoked everyone's admiration by the way in which he twice fought back to down Madras's Navin Chandani, from 6-5 to 6-5 in the under-12 semifinal and from 0-4 to 6-5 in the under-10 final. The son of badminton ace Nandu Nataraj who was himself a good tennis player while a junior, Gaurav has both the strokes and match temperament but must improve his physique.

The Marlex was started four years ago thanks to the enthusiasm of one of its owners, Chandan Varwani. It has gone from strength to strength and the prize-money has been raised from about Rs. 5,000 in the inaugural year to Rs. 20,000. Today, Marlex has become nearly as well known for its tennis tournament as for its domestic appliances. Here is something to ponder over for all sports-unconscious businessmen.

SW Correspondent



"No wonder you strained your back - beats me what you need all those rackets for!"

# SPORTSWEEK

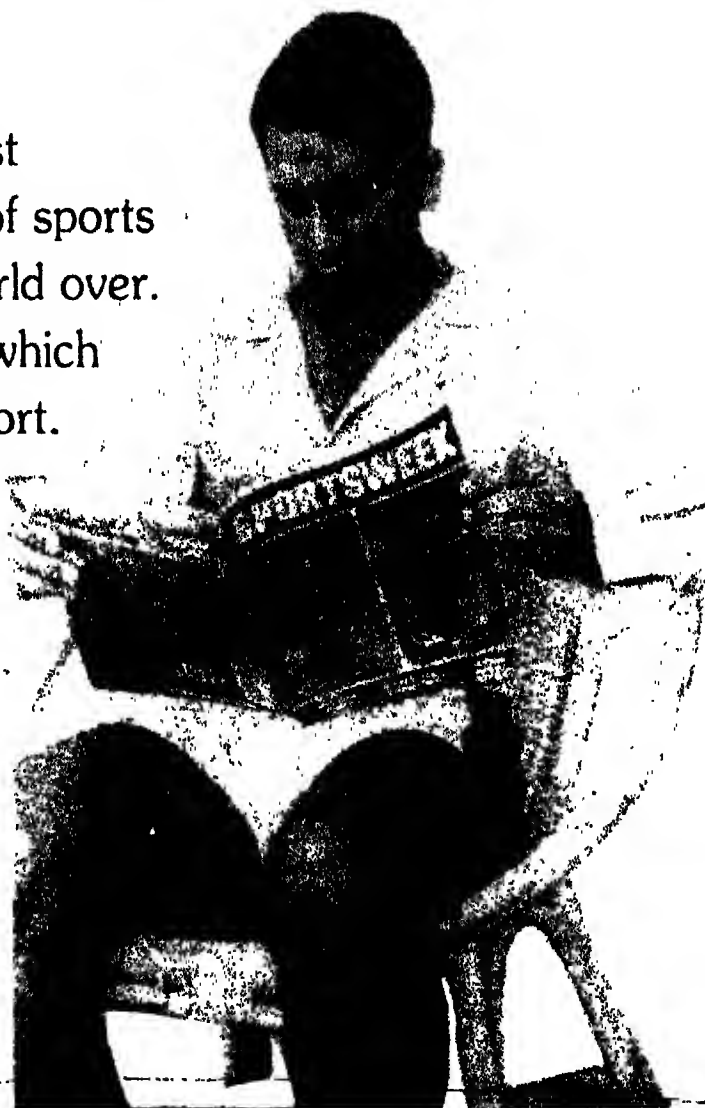
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**A** lot of people have been asking over the years as to what is wrong with Indian hockey. Now the answers are known.

What is wrong is that the Indian hockey captain, unlike Sunil Gavaskar, is treated like a dummy when the selection of the team is done.

That national representatives are not paid their pocket allowances, however meagre they may be, and are left to fend for themselves.

That while participating in a tournament or at a training camp, they are not provided with a proper diet.

That when a team goes abroad, the IIF officials book the team's return tickets

in advance and even before the preliminary rounds are conducted. This naturally demoralises the players and ensures that they will not qualify for the knock-out rounds.

On a foreign tour, the team is sent back in great hurry, while the officials stay back to do their shopping.

There is no AstroTurf for the players to practise on and get acclimatised to,



but Bombay alone has two cricket stadia.

What's wrong with Indian hockey?

If Gavaskar were to announce he is quitting because he does not approve of the manner in which the cricket

board's president is functioning, the whole country would rise, thousands of telegrams would be sent to Gavaskar to stay and, if necessary, the cricket board's president would be asked to quit.

If Surjit Singh announces his decision to retire, nobody is bothered. His decision to retire is considered as an act of indiscipline.

Everybody keeps thinking of India as the champion hockey-playing country in the world, so everybody expects it to win every time it participates in a tournament. But nobody considers India as a champion cricket-playing country, so its defeats are accepted with resignation and its occasional victories with delirium.

Even before an India cricket team sets out on a tour, it is loaded with presents. An Indian hockey team, if it comes up to the finals and loses narrowly, does not qualify for a bonus.

When a cricket team sets out on a tour, it gets VIP bags. When a hockey team sets out, nobody bothers to give it even plastic bags. And if anybody does, the officials keep the bags for themselves.

In conclusion, what, I think, is mainly wrong with Indian hockey is Inder Mohan Mahajan.



**Q** HOW many times has Faroukh Engineer not conceded a bye in an innings in Tests?

—Zakir Hussain, (Calcutta-1).

**A** SIXTEEN times in 46 Tests. They are, with the batting side's total in brackets:

1. England's second innings in the fourth Test at Calcutta in 1961-62 (252). 2. West Indies' second innings in the first Test at Port of Spain in 1961-62 (15 for no loss). 3. West Indies' only innings in the third Test at Bridgetown in 1961-62 (475). 4. New Zealand's second

innings in the first Test at Madras in 1964-65 (62 for no loss).

5. West Indies' second innings in the third Test at Madras in 1966-67 (270 for 7). 6. New Zealand's first innings in the first Test at Dunedin in 1967-68 (350). 7. New Zealand's second innings in the first Test in Bombay in 1969-70 (127). 8. Australia's second innings in the second Test at Kanpur in 1969-70 (95 for no loss).

9. Australia's second innings in the fourth Test at Calcutta in 1969-70 (42 for no loss). 10. England's second innings in the first Test at Lord's in 1971 (191). 11. England's second innings in the second Test at Manchester in 1971 (245 for 3 decl.). 12. England's second innings in the third Test at the Oval, 1971 (101).

13. England's second innings in the first Test at New Delhi in 1972-73 (208 for 4). 14. England's first innings in the second Test at Calcutta in 1972-73 (174). 15. West Indies' second innings in the first Test at Bangalore in 1974-75 (356 for 6 decl.). 16. West Indies' second innings in the fifth Test at Bombay in 1974-75 (205 for 3 decl.).

**Q** HOW many runs has F.M. Engineer scored against each country?

—B. S. Chaudhary, (Bhopal).

**A** IN nine Tests against Australia, Engineer played 18 innings and scored 449 runs at an average of 24.94. He hit up two 50's with 89 in 1967-68 as his highest score. Against England, Engineer played 18 Tests and scored 1,113 runs in 33 innings, thrice not out, at 37.10. He hit up one century and

eight 50's with 121 at Bombay in 1972-73 as his best effort.

In 10 Tests against New Zealand, Engineer played 19 innings and scored 584 at 30.73, with three half-centuries and 90 as his highest score. He played nine Tests against the West Indies. In 17 innings, he totalled 465 at 27.35, with one century and three half-centuries and 109 at Madras in 1966-67 as his best effort. In all, Engineer played 87 innings, thrice not out, in 46 Tests and obtained 2,611 runs at 31.08

**Q** WHO is the best left-arm spinner in the world today?

—Thomas K. Thomas, (Changanachery, Kerala).

**A** DILIP DOSHI is perhaps the best of a none-too-outstanding lot.

**Q** WHAT were the final scores of England's fifth Test against the West Indies in 1980? Where was the third Test of the series played?

—Manoj Kumar Sharma, (Muzaffar Nagar, U.P.).

**A** TWO days' play was lost in the Test because of rain. The scores: England 143 (I. Botham 37, D. L. Bairstow 40, M. Holding 2 for 34, C. Croft 3 for 35, J. Garner 3 for 41, M. Marshall 2 for 22) and 227 for 6 decl. (G. A. Gooch 55, G. Boycott 47, B.C. Rose 43 n.o., W. Larkins 30; Holding 2 for 62, Marshall 3 for 42). West Indies 245 (C. G. Greenidge 34, D. L. Haynes 42, I. V. A. Richards 31, A. Kallicharran 37, M. A. Holding 35; Dilley 4 for 79, Old 2 for 64, Gooch 2 for 18).

The third Test was played at Old Trafford, Manchester, and was also drawn.



**YUGOSLAV** Championship was won by Ljubojavic with 11½ 17 ahead of veteran grand master Glihoric whose score was affected by this loss

#### GLIHORIC-PARMA

1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e3 00  
5 Bd3 c5 6 N13 d5 7 00 dxc4 8 Bxc4  
Nbd7 9 Qe2 b6 10 d5! 7 Bxc3 11 dxe6  
Ne5! 12 exf7ch Kh8 13 bxc3 Bg4  
14 e4 Qe7 15 Re1 b5! 16 Bxb5 Nh5  
17 Bc4 Qf6 18 Bd5 Nxf3ch 19 gxf3  
Bxf3 20 Qe3 h6! 21 Kf1 Rad8 22 c4  
Rxd5! 23 exd5 Rxf7 24 Bb2 Qg6  
25 Rec1 Rf4! 26 Ke1 Re4 27 Kd2  
Rxe3 28 fxe3 Qg2ch 29 Kc3 Qxh2  
0 1

8 Nbd7) A variation of Nimzo Indian Defence Routine is 7 Nc3 8 a3 Bxc3 9 bxc3 dxc4 10 Bxc4 Qc7

9 h6) Karpov Portisch Moscow 1981 9 a6 10 a4 Qc7 11 Na2 b5



**THIS** week we have a Par hand for you

A 10 B  
4 3 2  
A Q 10 2  
A 9 7  
N  
S  
J 9  
A K 10 6 5  
K 5 4  
K 10 B

South is required to make 6 Hearts  
The opening lead is the SK which is won  
by dummy

The HA fetches the seven spot from West and the Queen from East

Because it is Par you can rest assured that East's Queen is singleton  
Take it from there

Ready?

The only logical hope of making the contract is to park a losing spade on the long diamond and get two cheap spade ruffs in hand

The aim has to be to get West trumpflushed forcing him in the end game to ruff a losing club and return a trump into your K10 tenace

If four diamonds are to ride West needs to have four diamonds So the D

12 Bd3 Ba5 13 axb5 axb5 14 Bxb5  
Bb7 15 Rd1 Rfb8

10 d5! 7) Radev Spassov Bulgaria 1981 10 Rd1 Bxc3 11 bxc3 Bb7 12 Bd3 Ba4 13 c4 cxd4 14 exd4 Bxd3 15 Qxd3 Qc7

13 Bg4) Black has sacrificed two Pawns for this pin to shatter White's King position

17 Bc4) Knaak Farago Spchi 1980 17 Be8 Raxe8 18 fxa BQ Qxe8 19 Bg5 Nxf3ch 20 gxf3 Bxf3 21 Qd3 Qe6 22 Re3 Qg4ch 23 Kf1 Bg2ch 24 Ke1 Qxg5 + -

Gligoric-Olafsson Lone Pine 1979 17 Bg5 Qe6 18 Qe3 Bxf3 19 gxf3 Qxf7 20 Be2 h6 21 M Nxf4 22 Bxf4 Qxf4 23 Rad1 +/

In the above Knaak Kholmov Baltika 1977 21 Bh4? Nf4 22 Bg3 Nxe2ch 23 Rxe2 Nxf3ch 24 Kg2 Rad8 went in Black's favour

22 c4) 22 e5? would be refuted by 22 Qa6ch 23 Kg1 (or 23 c4 Bxd5) Qg6ch leading to mate or win of the Queen

22 Rxd5! Black sacrifices the exchange for attack 23 cxd5? again brings in the deadly 23 Qa6ch

Ace and King are cashed followed by a finesse of the D10 A—three—three  
If a 10 break does not help so there is no option to playing West for knave to four unless the knave drops doubtless from East

A spade is pitched on the fourth diamond and a spade is ruffed in hand  
Next come two rounds of clubs finishing in dummy followed by a third spade ruff in hand

What needs to have started life with a 3 4 4 2 shape

The hand is thus reduced to this position

nil  
4 3  
nil  
9

N  
S

nil  
K 10  
nil  
10

Declarer exits with the C10 and West having nothing left but trumps is forced to ruff his partner's winner and return a trump

The full hand as it has to be to make the contract

A 10 8  
4 3 2  
A Q 10 2  
A 9 7

Dr Nagendra - P M Mohanty  
(N Ch. Kanpur 1981)

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bb5 Bc5 4 c3  
f5 5 d4 fxe4 6 Bxc6 dxc6 7 Nxe5 Bd8  
8 Qh5ch g6 9 Nxe6? Nf6 10 Qh4 Rg8  
11 Ne5 Bxe5 12 dxe5 Qd3! 13 h3  
Be6! 14 Na3 000! 15 Bg5 e3! 16 Bxe3  
Ne4 17 Qh6 Nd2??? 18 Qxe6ch K61  
19 000! 1 0

Ruy Lopez Cordal's Defence 8 00  
Qh4 is another book line In the text  
9 Qe2 (instead of 9 Nxe6) is correct

If 13 Qxf6? Bg4! 14 f3 exf3 15 gxf3  
Rf1! 16 Qg5 Bxf3 or 16 Qh6 Qxf3  
wins

13 Be6 threatens 14 Bc4  
18 Nd2??? the simple 18 Bxa2!  
wins

#### END GAME

Last week's ending by A Gurvich  
(Vecharnva Moskwa 1930) White  
Kb3 Bg1 Ns-a6 a8 Black-Ka5 Bd2  
Pa2 Win 1 N6c7! a1Nch! (1 a1Q?  
2 Bb6 mate) 2 Kb2 Nb3! 3 Kxb3 Ba3!  
4 Bh2! (4 Bxe3? stalemate) Bg1 5 Bf4!  
Be3 6 Nb6!! and now 6 Bxf4  
7 Nc4 mates or 6 Bxb6 7 Bd2 mates  
or 6 Kxb6 7 Nd5ch and B Nxe3 wins

K	Q	3		N		7	6	5	4	2
J	9	8	7	W	E	Q				
J	9	8	3	S		7	6			
3	2					Q	J	6	5	4
				J	9					
				A	K	10	6	5		
				K	5	4				
				K	10	B				

Declarer has two natural trump losers  
and two black suit losers with only one  
discard available in dummy But  
miraculously the side suit losers  
disappear and the trump losers are  
reduced to one

Actually the four-one trump-break  
and the two natural trump losers are a  
blessing and essential to bring home the  
contract

Suppose the HQ does not appear at  
trick 2 and you assume a 3 2 trump  
break What lay-out do you need to  
make the contract?

You need West with either 5 3 4 1 or  
6 3 3, 1

You cash two hearts and the CK and  
embark on diamonds, judging the  
diamonds unless the appearance of a  
doubleton knave from East or a tripton  
knave from West reveals your guess

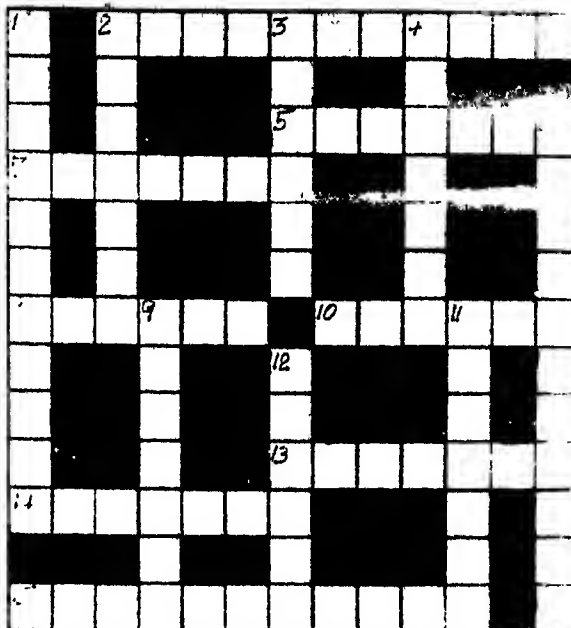
On the fourth diamond a spade is  
pitched If West has to follow suit or  
otherwise declines to ruff he is thrown  
in with a trump and having only spades  
must allow dummy's ten spot to be set  
up for a club discard

## ACROSS

2. First Wimbledon men's singles champion has a small coin inbetween (7, 4).
5. The—Olympic Games were held in Greece (7)
7. Table tennis players employ this to the ball (3, 4)
8. This skiing has a negative start (6)
10. English cricketer returns with a weapon to start with (4, 1).
13. Frangio — — to several Grand Prix wins (5, 2)
14. Indian cricketer of yesteryears returns (7)
15. The dirty dozen toured this country (5, 6)

## DOWN

1. Ocidental high jumping style (7, 4)
2. Football position (7)
3. Indian allrounder-- Borde (5)
4. Australian cricketer ends with directions (7)
6. Winter sports (11)
9. Many promising juniors — — from Indian sports (4, 3)
11. A player from—won the men's singles title at the last COMTAB (7)
12. English cricketer comes up with a marshy land in the beginning (6)



*How much do you know?*



1. Is an underwater touch at the turns and the finish of a swimming race allowed?
2. What is the diameter of the archery target?
3. Can the cue-ball be pushed while making a stroke in billiards?
4. What is the decision when after a knockdown, both boxers fail to resume after the referee has counted ten?
5. In ball badminton, when is the ball in play?
6. How many players are there in a basketball team?

7. What should be the diameter of a table tennis ball?

## ANSWERS

1 Yes 2 120 cms. (4 ft) 3 No 4. The boxer who has scored more points upto the time of the knock down is declared the winner 5 From the time a player attempts to serve until it touches the ground or until a fault or a 'let' is called by the umpire 6 Five. A team is allowed a further five substitutes 7 37.2 mm to 38.2 mm

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## Wimbledon justified

**T**HE Borg affair has become a disgusting affair for the Wimbledon authorities and for the people all over the world.

And very creditably the Wimbledon authorities have taken a most perfect stand on this crucial issue.

The people who think that Borg deserves a place at the Wimbledon are blind followers. If Borg deserves the place, so also McEnroe deserved to become the life member of the All-England club last year after winning the title.

McEnroe was denied the honour because of his bad behaviour. So should Borg, because he has arrogantly refused the mild condition. A sportsman, however big he might be, should honour the rules and regulations of the committee that is



holding the tournament, and not flout them.

One never dreamt that the 'greatest' Bjorn Borg would stoop so low and demand change in the rules of a tournament, which is now 104 years old, and which is considered to be the Mecca of tennis.

—S.H. Navangal  
(Panvel, Mah.)

## But Borg's right too

**T**HERE have been a few cryptic remarks about Borg not taking part in this year's Wimbledon, and he is completely justified in not doing so.

As he has himself said in one of his press conferences that, in the qualifying rounds, he'll be facing players who will be underdogs, having nothing to lose and everything to gain. They will be trying their very best against Borg, and even taking a set off Borg would be reward enough for them.

Again Borg's own record at Wimbledon shows that he is very uncomfortable against lesser known peers in the qualifying rounds and "why should I risk facing the humiliation of losing while



getting into a tournament which I have won five times?"

—Sanjay Mehta  
Matunga, Bombay—19

## Utter neglect

**M**AJOR CHANDRAN has very rightly pointed out the utter neglect of utilising the services of sports medicine specialists of our country. (SW May 2 Mailbag)

The Indian cricket team would have benefited by 10 days of acclimatising at a hill-station than the so-called futile conditioning camp at humid Bangalore at this time of the year

—Dr. Alope Ghosh  
Life-president, Indian Asso. of Sports  
Medicine, Calcutta.

## Rebuilding for England

**T**he three-year ban on the rebel English cricketers have left the English selectors with a massive rebuilding task.

The most important of them being to find suitable openers to replace Geoff Boycott and Gooch and spinners to take over from John Emburey and Derek Underwood. The captaincy also is a very big poser

The selectors should recall once again Mike Brearley, as he can do a dual job of opening and even skipping the side. Keith Fletcher is not the best bet at this time, so why not Brearley?

—Anil Patel  
Nadiad, Gujarat

## Sodhi?...impossible!

**S**ODHI the captain? Impossible! We thought that after our sorry debacle in the Bombay World Cup and the Asia Cup, we will come up with a better captain to lead the team that is chosen for the European tour and the Champions Trophy.

What has Sodhi done? It was because of him that our forward line did not combine well in both the tournaments, and even off the field he does not mix about well with the other team members, especially with the Bombay players, a must for a perfect team understanding.

With the resignation of Kaushik, we have lost a very good right-winger and even the statement by the IHF president that he was not fit does not hold much water because he was unceremoniously sidelined. Surjit's retirement was much overdue, and it is a good thing that he quit and made way for a much needed younger blood.

—Andrew D'Souza  
Dadar, Bombay—28

## S.S. Sodhi a misfit

**I**T is hard to understand how a player who failed to make it to Karachi for the Asia Cup and who failed miserably in the Bombay World Cup, and who also tried to show off in the Bombay Gold Cup by manhandling an umpire, could be nominated as the captain of the Indian hockey team to play in the Champions Cup in June.

Wasn't there a better choice other than this swollen-headed Northerner? Zafar Iqbal definitely deserved the post. So what if Sodhi is slightly senior than the magician on the left-wing from Indian Airlines.

The half-line, that buffer zone between the strikers and the defence which was the main problem during the Bombay World Cup, has now been rectified (or at least it is hoped) by including Joaquim Carvalho along with the ever-reliable Somaiya.

The team should fare very well with the inclusion of five new faces and what with Balbir Singh (Punjab) as the manager and Balbir Singh (Services) as the chief coach, India should cheer the hearts of many a fan back home.

—Ashish Trehan,  
(Colaba, Bombay-5).

## Congrats, Bagan

**H**EARTIEST congratulations to the Mohun Bagan football team for winning the Federation Football Cup for the third time in succession.

In absence of their top ten players, the Bagan boys worked like a well-oiled machine and proved their superiority over the other clubs, specially the big threat from Bombay's Mafatlal. Hats off to the giants of soccer.

Special mention must also be made of their coach Shankar Bannerjee, as it was mainly because of him that Mohun Bagan emerged victorious.

—Arun Chatterjee,  
(Rashtra Gurd Ave., Calcutta-28).

## Toughest soccer 'Cup

**T**HE Soccer World Cup to be held in June next is going to be the toughest soccer tournament ever. Kuwait, the Middle East champions is one team that could have other established teams thrown wayward.


France, under that superb skipper Platini may not be a threat that they once were, but they have enough potential to give England, strong contenders, a nerve-racking time.

Argentina, the holders, have top international ranking stars with them, and they will do their utmost to keep a hold on their trophy.

But after the recent war over the Falkland Islands, England may, along with Ireland and Scotland, drop out of the tournament, as sentimentality and patriotism run true in the Pommie veins.

The finals will be contested in all probability between Argentina, West Germany and Kuwait, and one can't wait to see the giants of soccer in action.

—P. A. Chandran,  
(Bombay).



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**U**NDER the prevailing circumstances in the Pakistan cricket establishment the national selectors had no

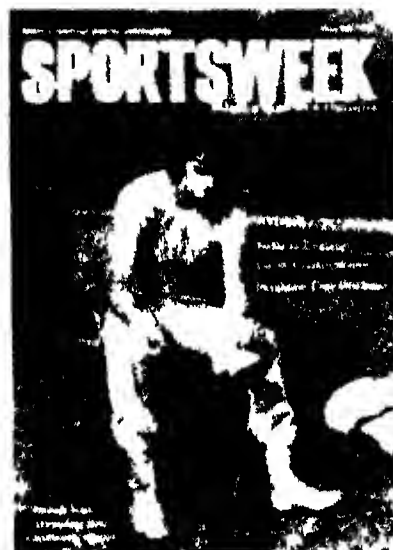
option but to appoint Imran Khan as captain for Pakistan's seventh tour of England

On the face of it Imran's appointment may seem to be a matter of convenience consequent to the overturning events that took place after Pakistan's return from Australia But it is quite the opposite

The 30 year old Lahore born all rounder has come up a long way since making his Test debut in England From the turn of the 1971 decade Imran's significant feats with the bat and ball for Pakistan has held one spellbound and today he is rated on par with the leading contemporary allrounders

Although leading the side will be a great responsibility Imran has one distinct advantage of having played most of his cricket in England At Oxford University he won blues from 1973 to 75 played for Worcestershire and since 78 has been representing Sussex in the English county cricket championship

Transparency Kamal Julka





# The AstroTurf mess

— By Sharad Kotnis —

**L**AST week's drama in the capital as regards the use of the newly laid AstroTurf at the National Stadium for the Indian hockey team confirms one's fears that it is not going to be smooth sailing as far as technical matters relating to the staging of the Asiad 1982 is concerned.

As far as the construction of the various Asiad venues is concerned as far as the infra structure required for the staging of the Games is concerned the Asian Games Organising Committee has made tremendous strides. There is no doubt about it. We have seen this with our own eyes on a recent visit to Delhi. We had seen the progress and are confident that everything will be ready in a couple of months according to the deadlines.

But the main snag is the lack of technical knowledge of conducting the Games. The laying of the Olymprene synthetic track at the main stadium, the proper handling of the costly equipment required for the staging of the Games, some of which were purchased at enormous costs and some donated by overseas manufacturers, the know how of the various electronic timing devices and so on.

## Carefully

It seems unless we plan carefully over the next couple of months we are likely to make a mess of it though the chairman of the Audio visual and Electronics committee Ramnivas Mirdha assured us that every care has been taken to acquire the know how of handling the various equipment.

We hope so because a number of officials had the benefit of foreign tours at the government's expense to study the various aspects of conducting the Games during the last two years and despite this if they are not able to handle the equipment well then the money spent on their tours has gone down the drain.

The AstroTurf controversy over the week end goes on to show how lack of planning on the part of the organisers can ruin the fair name of the country. The laying of the AstroTurf at the National Stadium was delayed by over a month as the representatives of the American firm found fault with the surface. The problems were somehow sorted out and the laying of the artificial surface began early this month amidst fanfare and much publicity.

However, it is sad to say that though the laying of the AstroTurf was witnessed by some of the top officials of

the organising committee as well as the Indian Hockey Federation, no one cared to see that the surface was in order before the American firm's representatives well allowed to leave the country.

The Indian hockey team which leaves for Dubai to take part in the festival matches with Pakistan during the last week of this month, enroute to Amsterdam for the Champion's Trophy Tournament could not practice on the AstroTurf till May 17 because of the lack of technical know how on the part of those in charge of the stadium. It was known in advance that the hockey team would need practice on this surface for at least a week before their departure. Why then the technical know how was not obtained by the authorities from the representative of the American firm?

It is sad to learn that the local authorities did not know how to use the vacuum cleaner on the surface and the way to sprinkle water on it. Another snag was that only filter water could be used on the surface and the authorities had not made any provision for this. The other drawbacks were the turf seemed to have not blended with adhesive and tucking of the turf to the sides had not been done properly. There was waterlogging at different places. There

were no heavy goalposts as required on AstroTurf and so also the seamless white plastic balls.

This clearly shows that there has been a total lack of co-ordination among the various bodies connected with the Asiad. It is a pity that the acceptance committee which is responsible for this sorry episode did not get these defects removed from the representative of the company before he was allowed to leave the country.

Another factor that has also created problems for the authorities is a certain clause in the agreement with Monsanto, of the USA which gives them the right to make alterations in the contract from time to time. We would like to know why such a one sided agreement was signed.

It is better to be wise after the event. Clarifications were sought from the American company on telex and in the end the hockey team was allowed to practice on AstroTurf. But we feel that this lack of co-ordination, proper planning so characteristic of Indian sport would end here and in future there would not be any cause for complaint where technical aspects of the Games are concerned.



# Lack of incentive kills interest

— By Henry Blofeld —

**J**OHAN BIRCH Nottinghamshire's acting captain suddenly injected some life into their match against India right at the end of three days of extremely laboured cricket. He declared Nottinghamshire's second innings at 251 for 4 leaving India to score 134 to win in 19 overs and at the end they were 97 for six.

With great enterprise and spirit, Sunil Gavaskar decided to go for this target and 22 runs came off the first 11 balls of the innings as he and Ghulam Parkar played some fierce strokes. But the last ball of the second over hit Parkar on the pads and bounced out on the off side. The batsmen ran and Derek Randall raced in from cover and threw Gavaskar out at the wicketkeeper's end.

At 36, Yashpal Sharma drove at a wide one from Cooper and was caught behind, but Kapil Dev now began to bat in majestic fashion.

He on-drove off-spinner Eddie Hemmings for 6, square cut Cooper for 4, on-drove Hemmings for another 6 and square cut Cooper again before skying him to long off where Hemmings held the catch at the third attempt.

The target now became too difficult although Syed Kirmani was out caught at leg slip playing forward to Mike Harris when engaged only in defence and India were 38 runs short of victory at the end.

Admittedly Ajit Wadekar's side won the series in 1971 but it was a dry hot summer which admirably suited the formidable spin attack of Bedi, Prasanna, Chandre and Venkat. This attack would have been dangerously unbalanced though if the weather had been wet.

Kapil Dev is still sensibly bowling well with himself for he has a lot of work ahead of him. For all that, he is already looking dangerous while Madan Lal looks a better bowler than when he was last in England.

I believe that when he has had rather more bowling, Randhir Singh will cause a few surprises. Off an 18 pace run he has a good action and should be capable of greater pace than he at present achieves.

India however had a wonderful opening day when they bowled them out for 141 after winning the toss and putting the county champions in to bat. Then, in the evening India themselves made 77 for two.

For all that, the scoreboard is rather

misleading for Nottinghamshire have been affected by a number of injuries and five of their first eleven players were unable for that and other reasons to take part.

Their captain, Clive Rice from South Africa was having trouble with his neck. Mike Hendrick was unavailable because he was one of the "filthy fifteen" to play in South Africa and Richard Hadlee from New Zealand, was rested as a precaution. The other two regular first

tourists. But the sponsors withdrew at the end of 1981 and the incentive has not been replaced.

The Indians and Pakistanis this summer and other touring sides in the future may now find that until another financial inducement is offered to the players counties will field substandard sides in their matches against the touring party.

The next day India's batsmen struggled hard to reach 259 which gave



*Sandeep Patil getting set for net practice at Marylebone Cricket Club, London. Also seen in the background is Dilip Doshi*

team players not available were Paul Todd who has a chipped finger and Bruce French the number one wicket keeper who has hurt his hand at least those were the official reasons.

But I am afraid that there is more to it than that. For the last three years matches between the counties and the touring sides have been sponsored and then there was a fair amount of cash at stake for both teams. The effect of this was to make the leading players in each county side anxious to play against the

them a first innings lead of 118 over Nottinghamshire's 141.

The only batsman to reach 50 was Pranob Roy probably the least eye catching of them all. He is a limited player but has resolution cannot be doubted.

India had fought well, but I could not guess at what might have happened if Rice and Hadlee had been playing, the Indians would then have done well to get much past 100. It was that sort of pitch.

# Gower on trial

**D**AVID GOWER appointed as MCC captain for their three-day game against the Indians at Lords is regarded as a significant Test trial. His choice is of course an indication that Gower is in the selectors' minds as a possible future captain of England.

When the chairman of selectors, Peter May, announced the side, he said that he and his colleagues had felt that it would have been unfair to have given the job to Geoff Cook while he is still struggling for a place at the topmost level.

Nonetheless, this remark of May's indicates that if Cook had firmly established himself as a batsman he would have been their first choice as captain in this match.

For all that, Gower showed when I watched him captain Young England against New Zealand in 1978 that he is an imaginative thinker about the game and when he is rather more mature as a person he may easily be just the answer to England's long term captaincy problems.

May also said that the selectors did not consider picking Keith Fletcher, who

is certain to captain England in the series against India, Ian Botham, Bob Willis, and Bob Taylor for there is nothing new to learn about any of them.

The full side is, in likely batting order Cook, Chris Tavaré, Derek Randall, Mike Gatting, Gower, Derek Pringle, Geoff Miller, Phil Simmons, Jack Richards, Graham Dilley and Paul Allott.

England are desperately looking for two new opening batsmen now that Geoff Boycott and Graham Gooch have made themselves unavailable by going to South Africa and it looks as if the selectors feel that Tavaré might be one of them.

I am glad that Randall has been given a chance for, on his day, he is still a wonderfully exciting batsman and a fabulous fielder, he has made a reasonable start to the season for Nottinghamshire and a good showing in this match at Lords would probably bring him back into the England side which would mean that Allan Lamb would not be selected.

Lamb's omission from this match is interesting and I hope that the

authorities at Lord's are having doubts about picking him for England in view of the fact that until less than year ago he was qualified only to play for the land of his birth which is South Africa.

Mike Gatting has been batting well for Middlesex and although he has not yet finally established himself in the England side, he looks to me to be batting better than he has ever done. He is such a splendid team man that I hope very much that he does become a regular in the side as the late and greatly lamented Ken Barrington always felt that he would.

Pringle is another interesting choice and May said that the selectors have for a long time had him in mind as an understudy for Botham, Pringle is having a splendid season as an allrounder with Cambridge University.

Altogether, the selectors have come up with an intriguing combination which will give Sunil Gavaskar's Indians a good run for their money. Apart from Gower and probably Gatting and Tavaré the others are all playing for a place in the England side for the first Test on June 10th.

## Indians' Test build-up hampered

**A**PART from almost causing the cancellation of this summer's tour of England by India, the recent rebel tour to South Africa is also adversely affecting the Indians' preparation for the approaching Test series.

In their first-class match against Warwickshire, Dennis Amis and Geoff Humpage did not play, for all the counties have sensibly agreed not to play those who went to South Africa in matches against the tourists.

Mike Hendrick was unavailable to play, therefore, for Nottinghamshire in the Indians' second match and in the present game Yorkshire are without Geoff Boycott, Chris Old and fast bowler Arnie Sidebottom. As a result, Yorkshire have had to field a near second eleven and these players have not provided the Indians with the class of opposition they need at this stage in their build-up to a Test series.

Old and Sidebottom are both extremely capable new ball bowlers, especially in English conditions, but Graham Stevenson and Simon Dennis are not in the same class, to say nothing of the others. While Sunil Gavaskar's innings of 79 contained some of the most exciting strokes I or anyone else will see all season, I felt that there may have been rather more than just a touch of contempt about his innings.

It was as if he realised that the standard of bowling was not worthy of a batsman of his ability, his stroke-play was so uninhibited that he obviously did not care too much. There is nothing that

can be done about this situation although it is very important that India's remaining county opponents field their strongest possible sides against the tourists after the rebels have been omitted.

During the past week a letter has

previous decision.

As far as the legal threat is concerned, the TCCB took their original action after lengthy consultation with some of the best lawyers in the country and I do not believe that they have anything to fear in that direction. But, as I have already



*Ashok Malhotra and Suru Nayak...the two on their first tour of England with an Indian side are seen in the lobby of a London hotel.*

apparently been received by the TCCB at Lord's from the rebels asking that their ban should be cancelled or at least reduced. I don't know whether the letter contained a threat of legal action. If nothing is done, but I am quite certain that the TCCB will not alter their

written, the threat of disruption from South Africa and its supporters continue and even now I hear murmurings of an attempt to try and find players who will be prepared to form part of another team to visit the Cape in the new year. H.B.

# 8—43! I skittle the Aussies and save my Test career

**I** AM not one for collecting trophies and mementoes of my cricketing career

But I have kept the ball with which I took eight for 43 against Australia in the third Cornhill Test at Leeds last summer

Not only were those the best figures of my England career but that performance on the final day of an incredible game saved my life as an international fast bowler

The Press had written me off again. Ladbrokes were so sure Australia had the Test wrapped up they were offering 500—1 against an English victory and I knew that if we lost it would probably be the end of my Test career

Not only that but the words of skipper Mike Brearley were ringing in my ears every time I ran up to the wicket

He had given the England seam bowlers an almighty rocket at the end of the first day's play. You were rubbish, he told Chris Old, Ian Botham and me after the Aussies, having won the toss, had scored 203 for three

It's just not good enough and you'll have to do a hell of a lot better tomorrow, insisted Mike

The England team had lost a bit of sparkle by the time the Headingley Test came round. We had dropped six

but there are times when a good rollicking can shake me up as much as anybody

I remember we had a barbecue at Botham's place on the Saturday night of the Leeds Test. He and I, having had a drop to drink, sat around saying what we were going to do to the Aussies on the Monday

But by Monday morning we were not so confident and along with the rest of the England party packed our bags and checked out of our hotel a day early

We checked back in again after Ian had produced a tremendous knock to stop Australia's gallop to an innings victory. Aided by Graham Dilley and then Old, Botham hit 149 not out before the close of the fourth day. We had not only avoided an innings defeat but were 124 ahead

Even so everything pointed to an Australian victory which would have given them a 2—0 lead. We were all out for 356, leaving the Aussies to score 130. And, at 56 for one, Botham's effort seemed to have been in vain

My figures for the match were around 0/100 when I asked Brearley if I could change ends. I have never been able to bowl into any sort of breeze. He said something fairly sarcastic but a few overs later he switched me to the Kirkstall Lane end

## As told to RICHARD BOTT

catches at Trent Bridge in a first Test that could have gone either way. In the end, we had lost by four wickets

The second Test at Lords was always going to be a pretty dull affair because of the time lost for bad weather. Predictably the match was drawn and afterwards Botham, who had bagged a pair, finished as captain

So when Brearley took over as skipper at Headingley, lost the toss and saw us bowl pretty badly on the first day, things did not look promising for us. We did howl slightly better on the second day but the Aussies still made 401

And when we batted and got rolled over very cheaply, it was evident Mike's criticism had been justified. Forthright comments like that are not said often enough at international level

Some players believe that just because they are playing for their country they can float along without trying to pull out something extra. I do not take too kindly to being criticised

And what a move it turned out to be!

If you pitched the ball in the right place from that end on that particular day, batting was almost impossible. Some bounced, others kept low. I remember vividly the first wicket of my spell

Trevor Chappell played back and the ball took off straight for his head. He just pushed it in the air to Bob Taylor. The ball Kim Hughes received was another example. He got himself into the right position to play the shot and the ball took off like a rocket

Suddenly I felt I had nothing to lose. That my Test career was on the line and that this could be my last match for England

I ran in with all guns blazing and bowled faster than I had ever bowled before. And I managed to keep the ball straight and short of length, knowing that anything could happen

People have said that I seemed to be in a trance during that spell. Probably I



**Bobby Willis kept the ball with which he claimed his career best figures**

was Australia lost their last nine wickets for 55 runs and we won by 18 runs

There is no question about it. My eight for 43 at Leeds saved my Test career. But it was Botham's 149 not out that had made victory possible

I am convinced England won the series in the fourth Test at Edgbaston—even though we went on to go 3—1 up in the fifth Test at Old Trafford and retain the Ashes. Both games like Headingley were comic book stuff

Imagine how the Aussies must have felt. They had won the first Test and drawn the second quite happily. Then at Leeds they were about to hammer us. Suddenly they got a right hook to the jaw and were on the floor

They thought I suppose "Oh well, it can't happen again. It was a fluke"

Our batting was no better at Edgbaston than it had been at Leeds and the Aussies got themselves into a strong position, needing 142 to win with two days left. Then they fell for the sucker punch again! Botham produced an incredible spell, taking five wickets for one run in 28 deliveries!

I do not think any side could be expected to recover from that

But to their credit they stuck at it. Most sides would have fallen apart with England working one miracle after another. But the Aussies were still battling at the Oval in the sixth and final Test when they knew they had lost the Ashes

Incredibly 10,000 turned up on the fourth day, a Sunday, when they were guaranteed no more than three hours

play and England had virtually no hope. But the fairy-tale came true again.

I bowled just as fast and as well as I had done in the second innings at Leeds—but had only two wickets this time. Some days the ball finds the edge and catches stick. Other times, you are not so fortunate.

The support, the noise of the crowd when we were bowling, from the last day of the Leeds Test through to the end of the series, was fantastic.

From my own point of view, the roar that built up every time I started my run-up was a tremendous boost. You feel different totally bowling in that kind of atmosphere. And, provided they are not chanting "Kill, kill," I think it is a perfectly healthy thing.

## Marked contrast

The winter tour of India and Sri Lanka was in marked contrast to the thrills of last summer. The whole tempo of the cricket in India fell away to a plop after the first Test in Bombay.

We played badly in that match and once the Indians had gone one up in the series, their tactics ensured them against defeat. There was no thought of providing entertainment. Their fans did not seem to mind at all English crowds, although less volatile, would never have stood for it.

I was ill and had to miss the second Test in Bangalore. But I do not feel my presence would have made much difference to the result because it was a typical flat Indian wicket.

After that, the pitches were just too good. The ball would not turn or seam and the slow over-rate became a bit of an ordeal. In Delhi and Calcutta we got our noses in front, but there was not enough time or help in the pitches to force home our advantage.

On future Indian tours, I would like to see us revert to only five Tests with a better travel programme. Some of the lads, who were not playing regularly, had little to look forward to other than an eight-hour journey by coach or train and a lamb curry at the end of it!

Geoff Boycott's premature return home created the expected stir.

He has never been a chap to enjoy doing on tours what the others do, like sitting around having a drink together or taking the mickey out of each other. And there are places in India where there is so little to do that you are reduced to playing charades. That is not Boycott's cup of tea.

I am sure he found the tour very arduous, as we all did. With the problem of his spleen, he has always been worried about what he eats and I think the whole thing got him down. He felt he could not cope.

Perhaps he has made a mistake by being a bit of a hermit on tour. There are times when things start to get you down, that joining in with the lads and making a bit of a fool of yourself can make things so much easier. But Geoffrey has chosen mostly to be a man

apart. He might have got on better had he mixed more.

Now, after the South African business and with 15 of our players banned from international cricket for three years, we prepare to take on India and Pakistan in England this summer. I think, even with a new-look team, we should win both series but I am not suggesting it is going to be easy.

If Botham is fit and bowling in form, and I can get back into the rhythm I had at the end of the winter tour, we are two customers India and Pakistan are going to find pretty difficult to handle under English conditions.



*Rob Willis...ran in with all guns blazing and bowled faster than he ever did*

ONE of the major issues now that the cricketers who toured South Africa are banned from playing for England is how much damage has been done to England's Test team.

I feel the immediate future is not rosy, but we had already entered a period of transition in India and Sri Lanka last winter when the side had a certain imbalance. I reckon the selectors will be looking urgently for another all-rounder at No. 7 to follow either Ian Botham or Mike Gatting, because if we play five specialist bowlers, our batting is weakened.

Any side in the world can lose three wickets to the new ball against virtually any attack. So when they set about rebuilding the England side I think No. 7 is going to be a priority. For another all-rounder has to be found.

A huge burden is going to be placed on the likes of Botham and David Gower in the next few years.

I would like to see Botham bat at No. 5. People think of his swashbuckling knocks of last summer but throughout his Test career, he has been underestimated as a batsman.

He is much more mature than he is given credit for. In India, he played some extremely responsible, if out-of-character, innings in difficult circumstances. He is a brilliant bat, with nine centuries in 40-odd Tests.

If we have Botham at No. 5 and another batsman at No. 6, it is vital that the man batting No. 7 is primarily a bowler who can also make runs. Then you can have your wicket-keeper at No. 8—hopefully with pretensions as a batsman, too—and a slow bowler and two "quickies" at nine, 10 and 11.

We must look around at all the promising young all-rounders, because in this summer's series against India and Pakistan we have to bowl 95 overs a day. You cannot do that with only four bowlers...they will be shattered!

And with five bowlers a necessity, it is vital to have a good all-rounder at No. 7 if Botham is going to bat higher up.

The contenders? I should think the selectors will be looking at people like Geoff Miller, Derek Pringle and Ian Greig.

Northants' Geoff Cook and Surrey's Alan Butcher must be candidates to open the batting and now that Northants' South African-born Allan Lamb is qualified for England, he must be a strong contender for the No. 3 position.

## Big fan

Perhaps Chris Tavers will also be considered for the opening role. Some say, "Why bother going to the dentist when you can watch Tavers bat?" But I am a big fan of his.

His two innings, of 69 and 78, in the fifth Test at Old Trafford last summer rarely got a mention. That was because Botham happened to be smashing the ball all over Chorkton and Stretford!

But had Chris not been at the other end, playing such a vital part, Ian might not have been able to do what he did. In the three key middle Tests against the Aussies, none of the established English batsmen made runs, apart from Chris.

He is a very intense character who finds international cricket very hard work. But he is the kind of bloke who always tries to do what his captain tells him.

Ask him to go out and bat all day and that is what he'll try to do. Ask him to hit the first ball over the sight-screen and he'll have a go. He is not a selfish or inward-looking person. I am sure he will establish himself in the England side.

Don't write off Yorkshire's Bill Athey. He is a very good player. And Nottinghamshire's Derek Randall might Overleaf



# Young bloods must wait for Willis

— By Geoff Cook —

**E**NGLAND still don't have a fast bowler to match Bob Willis even though people have been writing him off for years

They were at it again in India during the winter when Bob, having suffered more than most from stomach trouble, managed to take only 12 wickets in the series

Yet in my opinion—and I'm sure it was shared by every other England player on the tour—he was an inspiration

He not only bowled quickly and consistently on unresponsive pitches but was a tremendous influence off the field as well

Bob is a genuine test match bowler. And as long as his legs keep him going, he'll still be our No. 1 against India and Pakistan this summer

That will leave Graham Dilley and Paul Allott, who became close friends on tour, in fierce competition for the other spot

There is always a little too much euphoria when a new, young fast bowler begins to emerge—and I think that's the case with Derbyshire's Paul Newman and our Northants prospect Neil Mallender

Of course, the cupboard is a bit bare especially with such stalwarts as John Lever, Chris Old and Mike Hendrick as well as Leicester's Les Taylor ineligible because of their South African involvement

## Too young

But I don't believe in rushing young players, especially opening bowlers and talented as Newman and Mallender are, they are too young to be pushed into Test recognition

Dilley is as talented and as aggressive a cricketer as you could wish to see and as long as he matures in the next couple of years I'm sure he has a tremendous future

He has a marvellous approach to the wicket and when he gets everything right both physically and mentally he can be as quick as anybody in the world

Paul Allott is not as fast as Graham but he can move the ball more in helpful conditions and must also have a great future

I think he himself was quite startled by the improvement and consequent impact he made last season

And it was the same on tour when he worked tremendously hard in the nets and seemed to gain a yard in pace while still maintaining his marvellous line and length

Now he will be as determined as Graham to make the Indians pay for some of the frustrations we suffered during the winter

*GEOFF COOK, one of English cricket's most positive voices, was talking to PAT GIBSON*

## Bob Willis

reappear on the scene. He lost his technique totally for a time but he is one player who has scored centuries for England and there are not many of those around this year

The bowling worries me because, throughout my career, there has been a dearth of fast bowlers in this country. This has worked to my advantage because, if I have been fit, I have usually been selected. There has been no real competition for my place

Until Graham Dilley came along there was no one else bowling fast in the country. But at the moment he has a few problems to sort out with his technique and he lacks confidence in his own ability. The trouble is he doesn't feel he is good enough to play for Kent, never mind England!

Graham has to start stringing some performances together because you cannot keep picking somebody just because he bowls fast

Lancashire's Paul Allott must have a claim to a place in the England side. He bowled very well in India and Sri Lanka and his figures did not do him justice

Depending on how they go this season I would expect other contenders to be Derbyshire's Paul Newman, Middlesex's Simon Hughes and Pringle—but it may be a bit dangerous to lob them in at this stage of their careers

With English cricket in its present

situation, there is an urgent need to give promising players as much representative cricket as possible

We organise tours for players of school age under 19 and under 21. But there is little opportunity for players who are about to move up from county to Test level. I would be in favour of an Under-25 tour, even though it would probably be a loss-making venture

## Problems

These days you get players who go on full tours as reserve batsmen or wicket keeper and they have no idea what playing abroad means. I know all about the problems of finance, finding the right fixtures and decent pitches but I do feel an Under 25 tour would do an enormous amount of good

There has been a fair amount of talk about the England captaincy. After all we have had three in less than a year. Botham had the job at the start of the Ashes series last summer, then Mike Brearley took over again and Keith Fletcher skippered the side last winter

There was a bit of a storm early last summer when I was fined by the TCCB over some remarks that I made about Botham. Yes, I did say something publicly without permission and I deserved to be fined. But my remarks were misquoted in one particular newspaper and that led to the trouble

What I did say on the radio before the Trent Bridge Test was that I thought the captaincy was affecting Ian's form

What a certain newspaper implied was that I had said he could not skipper a rowing boat!

My feeling was that Ian could perform better if he did not have the captaincy on his shoulders as well. And my comments were vindicated later when he claimed five wickets for one run at Edgbaston and centuries at Headingley and Manchester

Ian is one of my closest friends in the game, and it was a big feather in his cap that he spoke up for me at the time. I am sure the TCCB took that into consideration before fining me £25

I do not believe Ian will be looking to have the job back at this stage, but he is an obvious candidate again in the future

I will be surprised if Fletcher does not start the summer as Test skipper. Everyone accepts that he is a good tactician and if you look at the batting averages every year his name is up there with the best

I have never angled after the captaincy myself. Fast bowlers are more prone to injury than batsmen or slow bowlers and cannot be guaranteed to do more than two Tests in a row

The selectors have given me the job of first lieutenant, and I hope to be able to carry on in this capacity for a few more seasons

THE END

## Cricket notes

### Boycott shown the door

**A**FTER being promptly told to leave their dressing room when Geoff Boycott went in to greet the Indian tourists before the start at Park Avenue on Saturday, he was conspicuous by his absence on the second day of the game.

The Indians were not impressed by Boycott's visit, and in my view quite reasonably so in view of the fact that he was one of the main recruiters for the rebel tour of South Africa.

And not only that, but he got himself 'sent home' from the recent tour of India so that he could get on with this job.

In addition to Boycott, the other two Yorkshiremen who accompanied Boycott on that tour, captain Chris Old and fast bowler Arnie Sidebottom, watched the days play from the pavilion bar dressed provocatively in their SA tour blazers and ties.

It was an empty and distasteful gesture which did not impress either the Indians or the Yorkshire committee.

The irony of the story about Boycott's expulsion from the Indian dressing room was that it was written exclusively in a Sunday newspaper by former England and Yorkshire fast bowler, Fred Trueman who writes a column each week on the cricket page and is also a Yorkshire committee member.

It was obviously a scoop for Trueman the journalist, since probably only the Indians and the Yorkshire committee were privy to the incident.

Henry Blofeld

### Leeward, Windward show their might

**T**HE small Caribbean islands of Leewards and Windwards have made their presence felt in the recently concluded regional cricket season. The Leewards scored a crushing five wicket victory over the Shell-Shield champions Barbados to clinch the Geddes-Grant Harrison-Line Limited overs cricket competition.

The Windwards lagged only behind only by a step as they finished the territorial Shell-Shield tournament as runners-up behind the formidable Barbadians who have been the prima donna of the Caribbean cricket for nearly a decade now.

The historic occasion called for a celebration and the governments of these islands responded by arranging a victory parade and announcing a public holiday to honour their victorious heroes.

It may be interesting to know that till last year both the teams (Leewards and



*Dr. Prabhakar Bhandari, captain of Bhandari Metals, winners of the 'A' Division of the Thane-Vaibhav Cricket Tournament, receives the trophy from former India skipper Vijay Hazare*

Windwards) participated in the Shell-Shield and the Geddes-Grant Harrison-Line Limited overs cricket competition as a combined island team. Last year they decided to split and participate as independent teams in the tournaments from 1982 season bringing instant name and fame to their tiny picturesque islands.

At the time of split last year contradictory opinions were expressed on the strength of the Combined Islands team. Jeffrey Stollmeyer, the then president, West Indies Cricket Control Board had opined that divided teams would be weakened whereas Julian Hunt, president, Combined Islands prophesied that the split would be in the interest of the islands and West Indies cricket as more players would be exposed to first class cricket. The split has really done more good than harm to the cricket of these minor islands though they can boast of international like Vivian Richards, Andy Roberts, Irvine and Grayson Shillingfords and Elequemedo Willett. Their moment of glory came last year when they annexed the Shell-Shield Trophy.

Ravi Chaturvedi

### Pringle—a prospect

**D**EREK PRINGLE looks like a colossus—and plays like one, too.

Having been named for MCC against the Indians, he surpassed even his wildest dreams.

He led Cambridge University to their first win over a county since 1971 at Fenners by seven wickets against Lancashire.

Pringle took six second innings Lancashire wickets for 33 for match figures of nine for 87 and then hit an unbeaten 61.

Pringle, 23, reading land economy has scored 483 firstclass runs this season for an average of a fraction more than 80 and if the University had more matches, would surely have hit a thousand in May.

He is 6ft 4in in and 15½ st "at the moment."

He will be down to 15st soon because he is just coming back into fitness.

Like many another big man, he is quietly spoken and affable. He looms above the other undergraduates as Cambridge University take the field.

"I'm trying a new stance," he says. "It's more upright. I'm seeing the ball earlier."

"I used to be able to swing it, but as got a bit quicker, it doesn't have time to swing."

Christopher Hiltor

### Indian lads back

**T**HE Indian Schoolboys cricket team, led by left-arm spinner Maninder Singh, returned to India recently from their tour of West Indies richer in experience.

Young Maninder, a student of the Bal Bharati Air Force School Delhi, recalling the tour experience said that though the West Indies were definitely superior in pace attack, the Indian boys faced them with grit and determination.

Maninder himself performed well on the tour taking 47 wickets and scoring 250 runs. His highest figure was 9 for 98 in the second innings of the second Test against Trinidad and Tobago youth team.

Maninder spoke highly about the entire team. However, he had special praise for Tamil Nadu's Sivarama-krishnan, he said, had captured 36 wickets and scored 350 runs.

# THE TESTING YEARS

## Part I

**W**HEN 'Sunny' Gavaskar's 1982 team begins India's 100th Test at Lord's on June 10, Indian cricket will complete 50 testing years of tribulation and triumph, of good days and bad, a chequered history which falls into three distinct phases:

The first is the period from 1932 to 1948 which I would term: "The Barren Plain." It comprises India's first 20 Tests with not a single win, as many as 11 defeats and only 9 drawn Tests, giving an unedifying success percentage of 22.50.

The second phase embraces the years from 1951 to 1969 which can be called: "The Rugged Plains", as India fought sturdy battles in 98 Tests, winning 15 of them, drawing 43 and

has deprived India of a 'grand slam' of Test honours.

It all began on June 25, 1932, when the C.K. Nayudu-led India team first stepped on to the hallowed turf at Lord's. Though India lost this inaugural Test, they certainly made an impact with the thunder of Mohammad Nissar (5 for 93) and the lightning of Amar Singh (2 for 75). The latter also recorded the only 50 of the match for India.

The winter of 1933-34 saw the triumphal progress of Doug Jardine's England team on the first official Test tour of India, winning at Bombay and Madras, and drawing at Calcutta.

This first home series was distinguished by the unforgettable Test

contributed to a world record total for the most runs (588) scored in a single day by both sides in a Test.

Nawab Iftikhar Ali of Pataudi, who had previously played for England in 1932-33 and 1934, led India on the 1946 tour. England's only win in the 3-Test series at Lord's was notable for Alec Bedser's shining debut—7 for 49 in the first innings and a match analysis of 11 for 145. But how many can also remember Denis Compton being bowled first ball by the irrepressible Lala Amarnath in this match!

The Lala then led India on the 1947-48 tour of Australia where they had to face a man called Don Bradman. The result was inevitable. India lost 4-0, but not before Vijay Hazare recorded his great 'double' of two centuries in the Adelaide Test—116 and 145 against the bowling of Lindwall and Miller at their lethal best.

Lala Amarnath was again India's skipper when West Indies made their first official tour of India in 1948-49 under the captaincy of John Goddard. After holding the formidable Windies to fighting draws in the first three Tests, India surrendered abjectly at the Chepauk, Madras, to lose by an innings, but came back strongly in the final Test at the Brabourne Stadium, Bombay, almost to snatch a first-ever Test win, and failing to do so by a heart-breaking six runs after being set a stiff task of getting 361 to win in 395 minutes.

## Preceded

The celebrated Everton Weekes scored a record 779 runs (average 111.28) in the 5 Tests, with four hundreds in successive innings—128 at Delhi, 194 at Bombay, and 162 & 101 in each innings at Calcutta, and was controversially run out for 90 at Madras in his next innings. Since this sequence was preceded by his 141 vs England at Kingston in 1947-48, it gave him a world record (still unchallenged to this day) of five centuries in five consecutive innings.

There were actually 16 centuries scored in the series, 11 of them coming from the punishing blades of the Windies' batmen. But India gallantly gave back as good as they got. Ravi Modi hitting the then record aggregate of 560 and Vijay Hazare 543 runs, including that crucial 112 in the second innings of the exciting final Test at Bombay which almost brought India to the doorstep of victory, to be foiled at the bitter end by an umpire's miscalculation and the delaying tactics by the Windies' fielders and bowlers.

(To be continued)



*Nawab Iftikhar Ali of Pataudi (fourth from left) who played for England in 1932-33 and 1934 led India on the 1946 tour of England*

losing only 38, for a better success percentage of 38.02.

The third and still continuing portion of India's Test history covers the years from 1971 to 1982, which I am pleased to designate: "The Towering Pinnacle", as India garnered much glory all the way from Port-of-Spain and the Oval 1971 through to Melbourne and Bombay 1981.

In these last 79 Tests, India recorded as many as 20 wins, drawing 37 and losing just 22, for a rising success percentage of 48.73. The fact that India currently holds the Test rubbers against England, Australia, West Indies and Pakistan speaks volumes for their new-found high status in international cricket. Only lowly New Zealand, with their shock win at Wellington in 1981,

debut century at the Bombay Gymkhana Ground of the 22-year-old Lala Amarnath—a swashbuckling 118 with 21 fours, i.e. 84 out of 118 in boundary hits alone! He was very much the senior partner in the third wicket stand of 186 in only 180 minutes with his captain, C.K. Nayudu, who scored 67.

Then followed two successive tours of England ten years apart in 1936 and 1946. Though India, predictably enough, lost the 1936 series 2-0, it is best remembered for the drawn Test at Old Trafford, Manchester.

India had begun their second innings, trailing by 368 runs. But in a spirited fightback, the famed duo of Vijay Merchant and Mushtaq Ali bravely slammed an unfinished opening stand of 190 in the post-tea session to

## Imran: Pakistan's 13th captain

**A**LL-ROUNDER Imran Khan will lead the 16-member Pakistani cricket team on the forthcoming tour of England.

Will Imran, who is in peak form continue to perform well with the extra burden on his shoulder? I'm afraid not. In cricket history, it is rare that a fast bowler who has led a side, has performed his best.

The dashing batsman Zaheer Abbas has been named as vice-captain.

With the exception of two blunders, it is a balanced side. Leg-break bowler Abdul Qasim who had a miserable tour of England in 1978 is included in the squad. Ejaz Fakih who is regarded as the most promising all-rounder suddenly found himself out of favour with the Pakistan Cricket Board. Either he or Tauseef Ahmed, the right-arm off-break bowler, would make a better choice.

Wasim Bari will keep wickets for the side. His understudy will be Saleem Yousaf who made his debut against the visiting Sri Lanka team in the recent series in Pakistan.

Haroon Rasheed whose fine batting displayed against the touring Sri Lanka gets a berth in the squad.

Saleem Malik who scored a century in his maiden Test appearance against Sri Lanka. Mansoor Akhtar and Tahir Naqqash will be on their first official tour of England.

Imran Khan, the highest wicket taker for Pakistan, will be the 13th captain to lead his country.

The team comprises of three openers—Mudassar Nazar, Mohsin

Khan and Mansoor Akhtar, six middle-order batsmen—Zaheer Abbas, Javed Miandad, Majid Khan, Wasim Raja, Saleem Malik and Haroon Rasheed, two wicketkeepers—Wasim Bari and Saleem Yousaf, four fast bowlers—Imran Khan, Sarfraz Nawaz, Sikander Bakht and Tahir Naqqash and two spinners—Iqbal Qasim and Abdul Qadir.

## England reject Pak proposal

**E**NGLAND has rejected Pakistan's proposal of appointing neutral observers for the three-Test series to be played between the two countries in England this season.

The Pakistan Cricket Board secretary, Arif Abbasi, and manager of the Pakistan team, Intikhab Alam went to England to finalise the details of Pakistan's tour.

During the discussion with TCCB officials, they made known their offer that Pakistan were also willing to share in the expenses of the 'neutral observers'.

Two respected cricketers, the former West Indian skipper Rohan Kanhai and Australian Bill Alley, were forwarded by the Pakistanis to the TCCB for the same purpose.

Pakistan rejected England's proposal to impose fines on slow over-rate and use of more than one bouncer per over.

Yet Pakistan agreed to make sure that 96 overs were bowled in a full day's play.

## Show cause notice to Sarfraz

**T**HE Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) has served a show-cause notice to Sarfraz Nawaz, the Test pace bowler as to why action should not be taken against him for indiscipline. He has been charged in the written notice issued under the signatures of the BCCP treasurer Mohammad Daud.

The treasurer also informed the bowler through the same letter that as he had refused to play in the recent home series against Sri Lanka and violated the condition of the BCCP, we have no obligation whatsoever to pay any salary. It may be recalled that as Sarfraz was jobless in Pakistan, the BCCP were paying him a monthly salary during the domestic cricket season.

Sarfraz is currently playing for Northamptonshire in the English County Championships.

## Inoki donation

**A**SUM of three million yen, equivalent to Rs 135 lakh, has been donated by Japanese wrestler Antonio Inoki for the welfare of the Afghan refugees in Pakistan.

A cheque for this amount was presented by Inoki himself to the Pakistan Ambassador in Japan.

The world renowned free style wrestler arrived in Karachi earlier for a short stay. Before his arrival, he had a bout with American challenger Dick Mardok and emerged victorious after a very close fight.

Inoki had toured Pakistan on a number of occasions and had fought with Pakistan wrestlers Akram and Jhara in Karachi and Lahore. He also fought with tiger Jeet Singh of India.

## 2nd Asian Regatta

**P**AKISTAN will host the Wills Asian Regatta—second of the series—towards the end of next year.

The first Wills Asian Regatta was organised at Bombay last year.

Meanwhile, the Pakistan Yachting Association (PYA) is also planning to conduct a world championship in the enterprise class.

## Pak hockey probables

**T**HE Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) selection committee named 35 probables for the selection of Pakistan's junior team for the Second Junior World Cup Tournament.

The probables will attend a training camp prior to selection for the tournament to be held at Kuala Lumpur in the first fortnight of August.

The camp will be organised at Karachi from mid June.

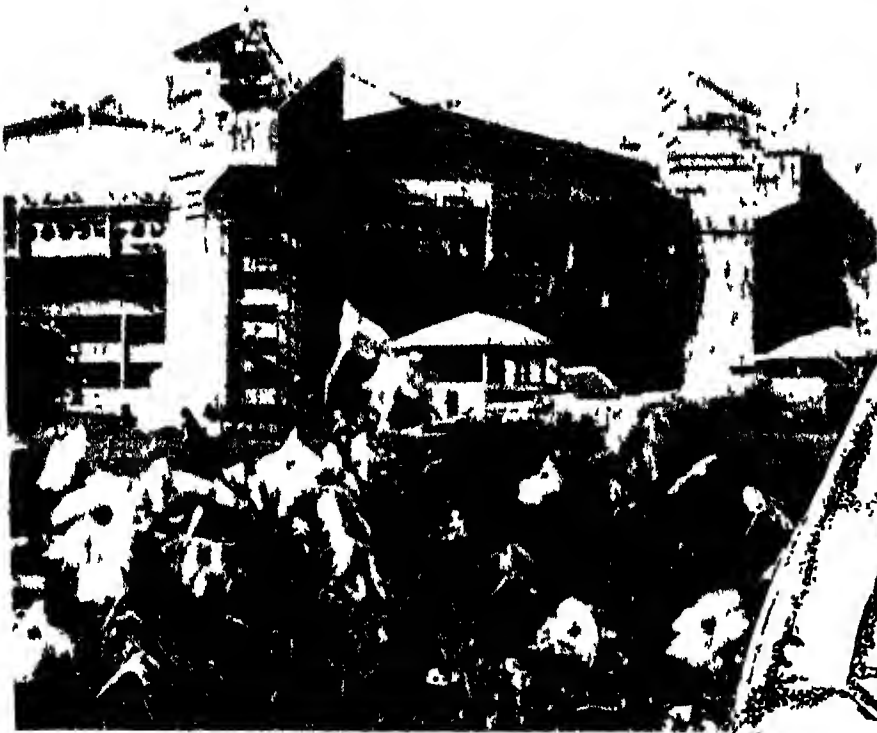
## Tour Itinerary

<b>June</b>		
17, 18, 19	Scotland Festival	at Glasgow
23, 24, 25	vs Middlesex	at Lords
26, 27, 28	vs Sussex	at Hove
<b>July</b>		
3, 4, 6	vs Glamorgan	at Swansea
7, 8, 9	vs Somerset	at Taunton
10, 11, 12	vs Worcestershire	at Worcester
14, 15	vs Scotland	at Glasgow
17	One-Day International	at Trent Bridge
19	One-Day International	at Old Trafford
21, 22, 23	vs Leicestershire	at Leicester
24, 25, 26	vs Derbyshire	at Chesterfield
27, 28, 29, 30, 31	FIRST TEST	at Edgbaston
<b>August</b>		
5, 6	vs Minor Counties	at Slough
7, 8, 9	vs Surrey	at Oval
12, 13, 14, 15, 16	SECOND TEST	at Lords
18, 19, 20	vs Young England XI	Venue undecided
21, 22, 23	vs Lancashire	at Old Trafford
26, 27, 28, 30, 31	THIRD TEST	at Headingley
<b>Sept</b>		
1, 2, 3	vs Brian Rose International XI	at Scarborough

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# All about run outs: Part 2

**R**EADERS will surely be interested to have a full list of the 55 Indian players who have been involved in a total of 114 run outs in Tests. They are listed hereunder in descending order of most run-outs

Six run outs: Abid Ali

Five run outs: Badi and Manjrekar

Four run outs: Borde, Engineer, Kirmani, Nadkarni and Venkatraghavan

Three run outs: Contractor, Gavaskar, Joshi, Vinoo Mankad, Subramanya, Umrigar, Viswanath and Wadekar

Two run outs: Surinder Amarnath, Abbas Ali Baig, Ghavri, Subash Gupte, Ibrahim Jalaimha, Mushtaq Ali, Phadkar, Prasanna, Pankaj Roy, Sardesai, Parthasarathy, Sharma, Shastri, Solkar and Surendranath

One run-out: Mohinder Amarnath, Adhikari, Madhav Apte, Binny, Chandrasekhar, Chauhan, Ghorpade, Anshuman, Gaekwad, Hazare, Kripal Singh, Krishnamurthy, Mehra, Vijay Merchant, Ashok, Malhotra, Nerasimhe, Rao, Brijesh Patel, Jaau Patel, Sandeep Patil, Ramchand, Sarawate, Sohoni, Srikanth, Tamhane and Yedurvindsinh

Incidentally, some scorecards still continue to show erroneously Jalaimha as run out in the second innings of the Delhi Test against New Zealand in 1964-65. Later research has shown that he was out hit wicket bowled. Cameron whose career tally should now be altered to 62 wickets (average 29.82).

It was Venkatraghavan who achieved the distinction of recording India's



Colin Bland...apart from being a delightful batsman to watch, this South African was responsible for numerous run outs of opposing batsmen

100th run out in Test cricket on August 4, 1979—the final day of that wildly exciting match at the Oval when India, needing 438 in the fourth innings to win, heroically got to 429 for 8 before inexorable time and the mandatory count ran out.

This occurred just two Tests after Derek Randall—one of the fleetest cover-points in cricket history, a spectacular fielder—became, ironically enough, the 1,000th run out victim in Test annals in the 1979 Lord's Test, the fourth and last time Randall had been run out in his Test career, comprising 41 completed innings.

This leads us directly to some other outstanding fielders responsible for numerous run outs of opposing batsmen, who themselves were run out in their turn. The most outstanding of this fraternity is, of course, Colin Bland of South Africa (he was, actually, a Rhodesian), a magnificent fielder. He was run out thrice in his 34 completed innings.

Then there was the extraordinary cover-point Paul Sheehan of Australia—a victim of three run outs in his 47 completed innings. But it is most interesting to note that Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi, arguably the most mobile of electric-heeled cover-points Indian cricket has produced (epologues to Brijesh Patel) was never run out in his 80 completed Test innings.

In a total of 927 Tests to date, there is remarkably only one occasion when a combined tally of seven run outs has been recorded in a Test match taking into consideration the performance of batsmen on both sides. This happened at Melbourne in 1972-73 when Pakistan had four run outs (Zahoor in both innings, Mushtaq and Sarfraz in the second) and Australia three (Sheehan in the first, Greg Chappell and Walker in the second).

The feat of achieving a total of six run outs in a Test match by both sides has been registered on five occasions—Adelaide 1901-02 (England 4, Australia 2), Melbourne 1910-11 (Australia 5, South Africa 1), Sydney 1920-21 (Australia 5, England 1), Leeds 1924 (South Africa 4, England 2), and Georgetown 1970-71 (West Indies, 3, India 3).

Only twice in all Test annals has any side recorded as many as four run outs in a single Test innings, and India is proud to hold a half share of this rarest of rare records. It first happened at Peshawar in February 1955 when Pankaj Roy, Umrigar, Manjrekar and Tamhane were run out in the first innings against Pakistan.

Fourteen years later Australia duplicated this unique record at



Abid Ali...ran himself out on more occasions than any other Indian

Adelaide in January 1969. Redpath, Walters, Freeman and Jarman were all run out in a mad scramble to get 360 in the fourth innings to win and the match ended in a nail-biting draw with Australia precariously placed at 339 for 9, the last pair of Sheehan and Connolly managing to hold out for the last nerve, wracking 28 balls of the mandatory count.

When the mandatory count of 15 eight-ball overs started, Australia was comfortably coasting to victory at 298 for 3, needing only 62 off the last 120 balls. Then three batsmen, Walters, Freeman and Jarman, were run out one after the other in the space of seven runs, thereby increasing the tension.

Earlier, Redpath had been cruelly run out for 9 at 215 for 3 by the bowler Charlie Griffith whilst backing up before the ball had been bowled. There are only three other instances in Test history of this mode of dismissal.

It was first done by Vinoo Mankad at Sydney in December 1947 when he ran out Aussie opener Bill Brown for 18—stranded outside the crease at the bowler's end.

Then comes the Redpath incident as above in chronological sequence, followed by the run out of Derek Randall for 13 effected in similar fashion by the bowler Evan Chatfield at Christchurch on February 28, 1978.

The last instance took place at Perth in March 1979 when Sikander Bakht was run out in the second innings (bagging a 'pair') at the bowler's end whilst backing up by the bowler Alan Hurst.

# Players—stick to your profession!

**T**HERE is clearly more than what meets the eye in the Sanjay Sharma embroglio

I do not wish to delve deeply into it since those closely associated with him are already at it

However I would like to discuss one crucial question which is at the root of the controversy

It is whether players should be allowed to write

The answer I think, can only be an emphatic no

The first job of all sportsmen especially those representing the country, is to play. Everything else is secondary and can only come in the way of the main task

The reason why all active sportsmen are advised against late nights, smoking and so on is only because all these will affect a player's performance

So also writing. It takes a lot of effort. At least for those seriously involved in it. Players will do well to spare themselves the mental agony after their sweat and toil on the field

Not that all top sportsmen are writers in the strict sense of the term. Mostly they answer questions put to them by journalists who in turn produce the copy. The really busy ones like cricketers record their impressions on tape and the tape forms the basis for what appears in print

Even then an effort is involved for a player has to collect his thoughts and carefully weigh his words

The time spent on the exercise can be better utilised in reflecting on what transpired on the field for his own benefit and planning for the morrow

## Lured

Players turning into writers is a recent phenomenon. They have been lured by the money, which is not much, but little do they realise the price they have to pay for it

Apart from the effort involved players often get into controversies because of their writings. At times, they cannot resist the temptation to have a dig at an official. At others, they raise a home's nest by what they say

Sanjay Sharma is not the first to get into trouble because of his writings. Nor will he be the last

It is one thing for a journalist to critically view events on the field and actions by officials and quite another for a player to put himself in the same position

In fact, it is a journalist's business to do so, but not that of a player

A player, of course can fight for his legitimate rights but he need not resort to writing to achieve this end. Indeed, most journalists' sympathies are more with the players than with officials and they would willingly take up the players' cause. They have time and again done so

Is it really worthwhile for a player to put his career in jeopardy by succumbing to the money and ephemeral glamour of writing?

It is also a fallacy to think that players know more about a sport than a writer or can describe a game better because they are closer to the action

Ask two cricketers for an assessment of a pitch or the state of a match and you will probably get three opinions

Besides, players are not always close to the scene of action. There are times when they are as far away from it as the press

And being too closer to the action has its drawbacks. It does not help in gaining an overall picture

Above all a player is involved. To that extent it will not be easy for him to take a detached view of things as a journalist would

Nor can he afford to be as hard hitting as a writer

One has only to recall Gavaskar's recent balancing act to realise the perils of a player turning into a writer

About the Sharjah episode, Gavaskar could neither clearly say Vengsarkar was in the wrong nor criticise the organisers who presented him with a purse. At the same time, he had also to defend others who had stayed on while Vengsarkar was asked to go back

The Board of Control has done well to stop all members of the Indian team, including the skipper, from writing. Others must follow suit for the simple reason that every player must give his hundred per cent to his chosen game not fritter away his energies in other pursuits

I would welcome players turning into writers and radio and TV commentators once their active days are over

By then they would have acquired considerable experience of the game. They would also be mature enough to pronounce their judgement of men and matters

Until then players will do well to devote all their time and energies to improving their game and serving the cause of Indian sport

The reason why a lot of public money is being spent on equipment, facilities, coaching and training and participation in tournaments at home and abroad is only to ensure that a player is able to give his best and not to help him become a writer

And at 21 or 22 a player is neither an expert nor a writer

## Quotes

"I don't think of it as a comeback. Definitely not. I've just had time off from tennis to have children. That's all"

— Evonne Cawley,  
twice Wimbledon champion  
★ ★ ★ ★

"Surely Lendl has now got to be the undisputed number one in the world of tennis"

— Lemaire Hunt,  
the V/C/T circuit millionaire  
★ ★ ★ ★

"I know full well that Wimbledon is an important and prestigious tournament but I don't like it"

— Ivan Lendl  
★ ★ ★ ★

"When you have a position that involves politics and sports, you are on dangerous ground. It is a situation we have no control over"

— Ray Clemence,  
England goalkeeper on  
politics in English soccer

"One has to have faith with players who have served you well. It is a game of tomorrows, not yesterdays"

— Ron Greenwood,  
English World Cup squad manager  
★ ★ ★ ★

"Looking back, that was a big mistake in my life. I think if I was doing it all over again, I would have done it differently"

— Don Rave,  
on his quitting as  
manager of the English  
soccer team  
★ ★ ★ ★

"We know Cook has leadership qualities, but feel it would be better to let him try to find his form. Gower on the other hand is capable of handling tough situations and is in terrific form"

— Peter May,  
chairman of the selection committee  
on Gower's captaincy

## The passion of the surly Czech

**I**VAN LENDL'S passion to be recognised as the undisputed No 1 tennis player in the world will almost certainly force him to play at Wimbledon.

The surly Czech lashes out at the All England Club's tournament with all the ferocity and regularity of his bludgeoning forehand drives down the line.

He told me 'I know full well that Wimbledon is an important and prestigious tournament but I don't like it.

'I do not need to say yet whether I am going to play there this year. Maybe I will wait until the last possible moment before deciding. I just don't know.

The entries for Wimbledon have closed so he would now have to apply for a "wild card" to play. But I believe Lendl's all-consuming commitment to become king of the court will in the end guarantee his presence.

Wimbledon and Lendl need each other. The 22 year old with more than £750,000 since January under lock and key is the biggest money earner in the game.

MARK WILSON

## Sugar Ray in a tight corner

**S**UGAR RAY LEONARD the world's No 1 boxer may never fight again.

The world welterweight champion has undergone surgery to repair a partially detached retina to his left eye and his adviser Mike Trainer says:

'Nobody will know for six months what will happen but the last thing on anybody's mind is whether Sugar Ray will ever throw another punch.

Dr Ferdie Pacheco who broke with Muhammad Ali when he refused to quit says: 'This operation which uses a laser beam has not been done for long enough for there to be studies as to the long term effects.

## After cricket, its rugby-time in SA

**F**IFTEEN rugby players from England, Wales and Scotland could stoke up fresh trouble for the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane this year by playing under the colours of the South African Rugby Board team in South Africa in July.

There is no official label to the tour because players have been asked individually by the Transvaal Rugby Union. But now that the way has been cleared for a trouble-free Common-



*Vijay Amritraj won the \$200,000 Gunze world tennis tourney in Kobe, Western Japan after his American opponent Sandy Meyer withdrew with a sprained ankle in the final. Vijay earlier created a major upset when he ousted Ivan Lendl in the semis.*

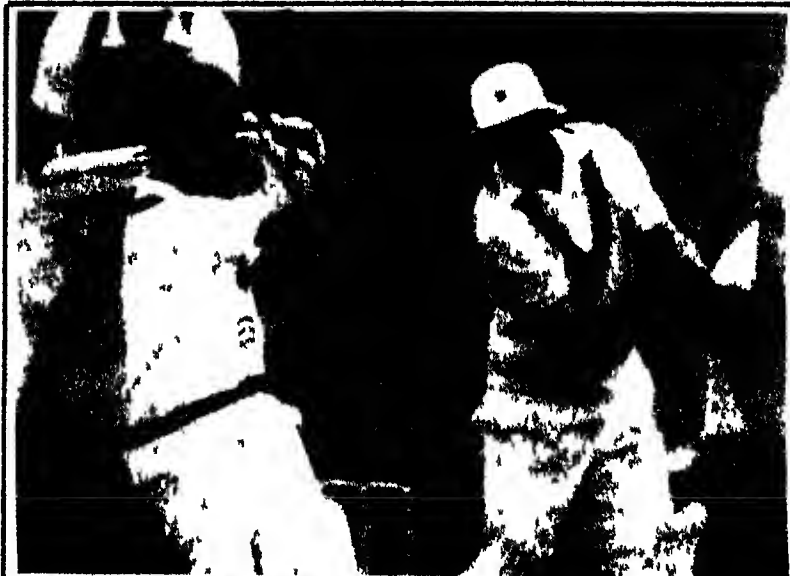
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wealth Games, this trip could upset the balance.

But rugby officials in Britain and Ireland are powerless to prevent the players going because it is a private visit and is one way for South Africa to maintain contact with some of the world's best players.

Rugby's links with South Africa still remain strong. Gloucester and Cardiff the English and Welsh Cup winners ended the current season with tours there. But Wales did cancel a planned trip this year.

BARRY NEWCOMBE



*Former England skipper Mike Brearley of Middlesex hits the ball off Northants' Carter, past keeper George Sharp at Lords in an English County league match.*

## Spanish superstar in a major golf row

**S**PANISH superstar Severiano Ballesteros is in the centre of another major golf row.

Trouble began when Sevy revealed that he had been given permission by the European tour executive to play a series of three exhibition matches against Jack Nicklaus.

The first match will be in Madrid next month and the other two sponsored by Ford and encouraged by the French Golf Federation have been fixed for Paris in September.

But these dates clash with the State Express Classic and the Hennessy Cognac international team event at Bournemouth. And having to do without Ballesteros has angered the sponsors.

Hennessy are still trying to persuade the European tour to refuse to release Sevy for the Nicklaus matches and are so upset with the involvement of the French Federation that they have ended their sponsorship of a number of small tournaments in France.

The Federation do not care about us, said a Hennessy spokesman. So why should we care about them any more? We are against Ballesteros being used to hurt us and the European tour in this way.

So while Sevy takes a break from competition and suns himself in Spain, the European tour officials must decide whether to give him the release he thinks he already has.

# A Debt Repaid

MELBOURNE was the venue of the third Test. On the way to the ground, a sightseer comes across Captain Cook's hut. I was not very much keen on visiting it as I am not much of a man for historical curiosities. Both history and geography were not among my favourite subjects. But I refute the suggestion by a friend of mine that I avoided seeing the famous seafarer's cottage as it reminded me of sea. My friend knew my propensity to seasickness all these years. Hence the innuendo!

Australia had the first tenure at the wickets. Bradman got his usual 'ton' and they totalled over 300. Our reply was encouraging. Mankad and Sarwate opened with a stubborn partnership of 124. Up to this moment Mankad was having a sticky time with Lindwall. Deciding to take the bull by the horns, Mankad asked his tormentor himself the reason for his (Mankad's) inability to play pace effectively. Like a true sportsman, Lindwall told him, 'You bring down your bat much too late on a Yorker.'

An astute cricketer like Mankad quickly grasped the significance of this observation. He strove hard to correct his defect and succeeded to such an extent that he was first amongst us to register a Test century.

## Brainwave

I have referred to Bradman getting a brain wave. When I was batting he put on Barnes to bowl. Now Barnes was not a regular bowler and certainly not a Test class one at that. His memories of bowling could not have been pleasant because the only time he was seriously called upon to bowl in a Test, he saw England setting up an all-time record score of 903 at the Oval before the 1939 War.

In this innings, Barnes bowled with a telling effect, I hooked out to a near googly and was caught. Amarnath came in next. Surviving one ball he was beaten by another freak delivery and was plumb lbw. Even at the cost of being accused of boasting, I may state that the unexpected dismissal of Amarnath on top of mine was the turning point of the match.

Phadkar was fast proving the most consistent batsman from amongst us. He scored a fifty. The rain-affected wicket was worsening and for some time we sensed that Bradman was deliberately not making any effort to

take the remaining few wickets. Our captain possibly thought that he did not have sufficient number of runs on the board. Bradman claimed that the Indian skipper did not see through the game. Be that as it may, as soon as Lala recognised this, he promptly declared although we were way behind our opponent's total.

In a battle of wits, Bradman sent in his tail-enders to open Australia's second innings. Once again our adversaries were favoured by Dame Fortune and the wicket improved. Bradman, as was his habit by now, fully extracted his 'pound of flesh'. He scored his second century of the match and

declared when his side was in a commanding position. Once again we were almost thrown to the wolves on a sticky wicket for which Melbourne is so notorious. We just caved in to make Australia lead by two-love in the series.

Three Tests gone and I had yet done nothing of note. I had done well in other matches and felt confident of acquitting myself creditably if only the weather gods would be kind enough. Although two-up, Australia fielded their strongest side. Occupying the crease for the first two days in this six-day encounter, the hosts gave us a lot of leather hunting. By the end of the first day they were on

## THE SPORTING LIFE



I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU'RE SO UPSET... I THINK IT WAS VERY THOUGHTFUL OF YOUR BOWLING TEAM TO BUY YOU BOWLING LESSONS FOR CHRISTMAS!



their way to a mammoth first innings total end were 370 for only three wickets.

Bradman (that man again) reached another milestone in his career by making his 37th double century when I bowled him. Australia finally totalled 674. A win for us was now totally out of question. It only remained to be seen whether we could save the Test or make a match of it. After a couple of early reverses Mankad and Amarnath both played well and got into their forties. Both were out when wall sat and our score board read 133 for five.

I felt in form on the true Adelaide wicket. The consistent Phadkar seemed to share the same feeling. Together we hoisted the 200 of our innings. I reached my first Test 50 and as I was batting well, was soon on the way to my first Test century. By the end of the third day's play I was still batting with 108 with Phadkar having made an unbeaten 77. We were still in the game as our score board read 308 for only five wickets.

Both Phadkar and I were subjected to several short pitched deliveries by Lindwall and Miller. We dealt with them effectively. Phadkar looked very courageous in his hooking and his strokes were perfectly timed.

Next morning I was adjudged low for 116. As it happens after the termination of a long stand, wickets tumbled in quick succession and despite Phadkar's desperate efforts our first innings ended quickly for just 381. It was an anticlimax to our earlier fight back. Phadkar, however had the satisfaction of registering his first Test hundred.

We failed to save the follow-on and were sent in again. The wicket now four days old, was showing signs of wear. Lindwall struck quick blow with his yorkers and fiery stuff and in his first spell claimed both Mankad and the skipper. Once again I found myself wending my way to the wicket.

I decided to stay at the wicket as long as I could because we had to save the Test. For the second time in the match I found my true form and I was facing the opposing attack with all the confidence in the world. Lindwall and Miller had a go at me. Then came the wily stuff of the spinners. Finally Bradman asked Barnea to have a go. But this time I was on my guard. Finding that unorthodox tactics would not pay, the Australian captain soon called his regular bowlers for a fling.

## Took root

Wickets continued to fall at the other end till Adhikari at No. 8 took root. I went on and by the end of the day I had once again scored a century. I was 102 not out and our total was 174 for six. Two separate centuries in a Test! It seemed too good to be true. But I had achieved it. I became the first Indian to achieve this rare feat in a Test! Bradman had done it in the present series and I was next in

intention of doing it. But as my side needed all the runs I could muster, I went on and on.

For those who believe in ill omens, here is a proof to the contrary. In my 13th Test Innings I had scored my second century in the same Test and many think 13 to be an unlucky figure. More than once I found the much dreaded figure of 13 to turn to my advantage. In the 13th year of my participation in the Ranji Trophy, I was concerned with a record stand for any partnership in first class cricket. I reached two landmarks in Tests—1000 and 2000 runs in the 13th and 26th (next 13) Tests respectively.

Adhikari and I added 132 for the 7th wicket when he fell. Once again our Innings crumbled as when I was last out for 145 our second Innings ended for 277 and we failed to save an innings defeat by 16 runs. As in my Pentangular record of 309, once again I was on the losing side (and by an innings on top of that) in spite of registering two separate centuries in the same Test. This once again proves that cricket is a team game and it is the collective effort of all the teammates that lead to a victory. In this Innings six of my colleagues had failed to score. Adhikari came next to me with a stubborn 51. We lost the Test and with that the rubber.

## Final Test

The date of the final Test drew closer but before that we had a stunning blow. The world shattering news of the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi in Delhi reached us. Like all bad news this proved to be true although difficult to believe at the start. Back at home a State mourning was observed for 12 days and we paid our humble homage with our tears and by singing devotional songs so dear to the Father of the Nation. Kishanchand, the crooner of our party was the chief performer.

The last Test was to be played at Melbourne. We wore black bands round our arms as a sign of our mourning. The Australians had agreed to observe two minutes' silence before the start of the Test as a mark of respect to the deceased leader. When we lined up in front of the pavilion, all the spectators joined us in this silent, yet most eloquent gesture and we were all touched. Humanity knows no barriers of space, caste or creed!

For the fourth time in the series, Bradman called correctly (or rather Amarnath called wrongly it being the convention for the home captain to toss and the visiting one to call). Batting on a near perfect wicket, Australia continued where they had left off at Adelaide and amassed 575 for eight, before calling it a day.

The same umpire was involved in an amusing incident. He was wearing crepe-soled shoes and found difficulty in getting out of the way of the balls so often hit by the home batsmen. While doing this, the umpire slipped and fell flat on the face. He was carrying a supply of chewing gums which flew in all directions at the inglorious fall of the

umpire. Next day the picture appeared with the caption—'Umpire...loses his false teeth!'

The other incident was Bradman's going out—retired hurt 57. Young Harvey, only 19 and full of confidence, style and skill ensured that Bradman would not have to come in again. The left-hander made a grand 153. His subsequent success proved his class. Harvey, in addition was an excellent fielder in the covers and possessed one of the most accurate throws. When in later years Australia were plagued by so-called 'chuckers', a wag once shouted, 'Put Harvey on. At least he can throw straight.'

## Test century

Vinoo Mankad, who had scored a Test century at this centre earlier once again repeated his feat. He got 111. I found that my form continued in the Adelaide vein and by the end of the third day I was still batting with 72. I thought I looked set for another hundred. But as in Adelaide, I was given out lbw the first thing next morning for 74. Amarnath, desperately trying to do justice to his immense talent, promoted himself in the batting order. But the Test matches seemed to exercise their hoodoo on the unfortunate skipper. Phadkar made his fourth score over fifty in as many Tests. But as usual our Innings ended prematurely. Following on, we found the stuff knocked out of us on a wearisome surface and we collapsed for a meagre 67.

That Innings defeat made us losers of the rubber by love-four. The unsatisfactory draw (in our favour for once) was our only solace. We proved no match to the allround superiority of the home side. They batted well and consistently and put up large totals. They fielded brilliantly as is to be expected from an Australian side over the years. Their trump card was their pace attack. Most of our batsmen were just not equal to face it. They were always up against it.

Like Amarnath, I completed my 1000 runs on the tour. In all I hit four centuries, two of them in the Tests and one each against New South Wales and Tasmania. In scoring three of those hundreds, I had to face the pace attack of Lindwall and Miller. I may therefore safely assume that I could play speed attack with some degree of ease and some purpose. Of course my century in each Innings of a Test gave me immense pleasure. In a way I felt that I had repaid a debt to my mentor, Grimmett, who had coached me in India a decade earlier.

Returning home by sea route, we touched Singapore, Ceylon and Bombay. Our feelings on landing at Bombay may be summarised in these lines by Kipling:

We bring no store of Ingots  
of spice or precious stones.  
But that we have gathered  
with sweat and aching bones!

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**SPORTSWEEK**

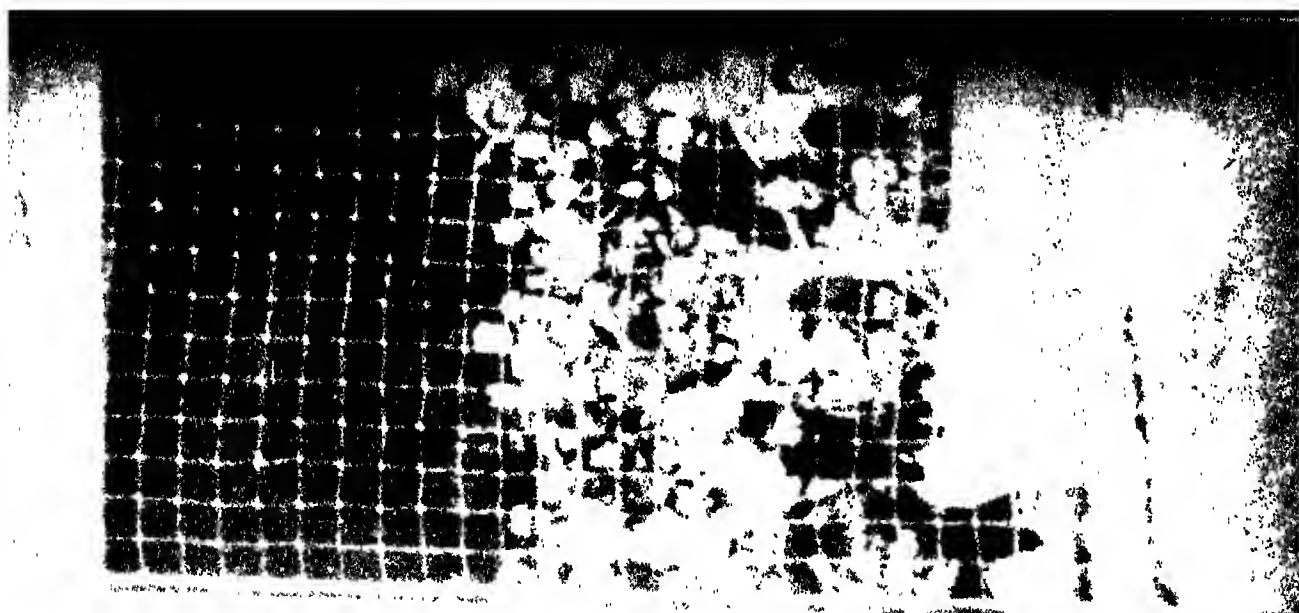
# Surinder Singh Sodhi... India's new hockey captain

Interview by Mukesh Parpland





# SPORTSWEEK



STADIUM



West Ham custodian Phil Parkes and stopper  
Everald La Ronda (extreme left) see Alan  
Sunderland's powerful shot go home for  
Aston's second goal in their league encounter

by Higgins



**BARODA** had sweet revenge on Holkar in 1946-47 defeating them in the final of the Ranji Trophy Championship to wrest the national cricket title. The hero of the match, and the champion of the season was 31-year-old Vijay Hazare. In the final Hazare scored 288 runs and claimed six wickets for 85 runs and two for 52. For the season his tally of runs was 561 while he topped the bowling with a haul of 38 wickets for an average of 18.81. There was no match in the season in which Hazare did not come off with bat or ball.

The only batsman, who was ahead of Hazare in Baroda's batting with a total of 596 runs was the left-handed all-rounder Gul Mahomed. Described by an Australian critic when he toured with the Indian team in the following season as a daring batsman who often made one's heart leap into the mouth, Gul Mahomed pulled his side often out of trouble through his enterprise. He climaxed his efforts in the final with an innings of 319 runs in a stay of 533 minutes during which he and Hazare added 577 runs, which remains a world record for the fourth wicket to date.

## Matched

Besides Hazare and Gul Mahomed, Hemu Adhikari (335) batted competently, making valuable scores, but the find of the season was young Fatesinhrao, the Yuvaraja of Baroda, who totalled 278 runs. Coached by Hazare, the slimly built Yuvaraja batted with a consistency matched by his elegant stroke-play. In bowling Hazare's medium-paced cutters was supported by the googly and leg-spin of Amir Elahi who also had a good bag of 27 wickets. The team was ably led by R.B. Nimbalkar, a police officer though he was not in his usual form with the bat. Nimbalkar kept wicket very ably. In the final he claimed five victims in Holkar's first innings.

Baroda opened the season with a victory over Maharashtra on their ground. Against the fine leg-spin bowling of Amir Elahi, Maharashtra were all out for 171. Amir Elahi took five for 52. Only a brilliant fifth wicket stand of 128 between Vijay Hazare (60) and Gul Mahomed (72) enabled Baroda to recover to 306 after an indifferent start. Hazare followed his with an excellent burst with the second new ball in Maharashtra's second innings, taking six for 39, and bringing the innings to a swift close for 252 runs. He had an overall analysis of eight for 90. Baroda needed only 100 odd runs for a win, but Gazali, who took five wickets for 41, gave them a fright before they ran out winners by four wickets. Baroda then overhauled Gujarat on first innings scores; Baroda 270 and 322, Gujarat 192 and 187 for seven. A feature of the match was the fine batting of the Yuvaraja of Baroda in the second innings, characterised by patience and confidence; he was unbeaten with 77.

Baroda's victory in the West Zone

# Baroda's sweet revenge



The two heroes of Baroda's victory...Vijay Hazare and Fatesinhrao Gaskwad

final against Bombay was also decided on their first innings lead. A competent 89 by Adhikari followed by a dazzling 110 by Gul Mahomed enabled Baroda to get 347 runs despite excellent bowling by M.S. Balooch, Adhikari, Vijay Hazare, Gul Mahomed, R.B. Nimbalkar, Yuvaraja of Baroda, M.M. Neidu and Ahmed Patel were seven victims for 82 runs. After an excellent start through Merchant (33) and Ibrahim (74) Bombay fell for 289 runs against Vijay Hazare (six for 88) and Amir Elahi (four for 87). But much of the advantage the 78-run lead gave was lost when Baroda headed for a collapse after Merchant had sent back Adhikari through brilliant catches. But Vivek Hazare and Ahmed Patel got together for the last wicket and not only consumed a valuable hour but also pushed the score along by 70 runs. Bombay's effort to beat the clock proved futile, and Baroda were able to get away with a verdict on their first innings lead.

There were quite a few good knocks by other batsmen like Adhikari (42), and the Yuvaraja of Baroda, who missed the hundred by a single run, and Amir

Elahi's bowling in the Hyderabad second innings (four for 95) but it was the allround performance of Vijay Hazare that stood out in Baroda's victory in the semifinal. He scored 50 in Baroda's first innings of 337 and then bagged seven for 42 as Hyderabad collapsed for 118 runs, following on. Hyderabad made 262 (a breezy 70 by Aibara) when Hazare took four for 88. Baroda then won for the loss of one wicket. Apart from Aibara's innings off-spinner Ghulam Ahmed's penetrative bowling (six for 100) was a feature of the match.

Holkar had convincing innings victories in the East Zone over Bihar and Bengal and had a walk-over in the semifinal against Northern India. There were some good individual performances but as a team they never rose to the heights they reached the previous season. The best performance came from Sarwate, both with the bat and ball—he missed to reach the hundred twice. The only century of the team came from Mushtaq Ali. C.S. Nayudu's form was not as good as in the previous season but Hiralal Gaikwad stepped in to remedy the deficiency and headed the bowling with a bag of 15 wickets. Symbolic of Holkar's non-success in the final was the failure of C.K. Nayudu, out for no score in both innings, though he won the admiration of everybody by his sustained bowling of 80 overs while Baroda piled up a huge score. C.K. also proved the most successful bowler with four for 178 runs.

## Gallant

Despite a gallant performance by skipper Shute Banerjee, Bihar could not avoid an innings defeat at the hands of Holkar. Banerjee claimed five for 102 and scored 85 runs when Bihar followed on. C.S. and Sarwate bundled out Bihar for 149, claiming four for 63 and five for 38; Sarwate followed with a stolid knock of 95 but he had to yield the honour of the innings to Mushtaq Ali, who hit up a glittering 125. Holkar declared at 397 for eight and then dismissed Bihar for 242 runs. Sarwate this time took another five for 78, for a match tally of ten wickets; C.K. was next best with three for 44.

In the same East Zone Pankaj Roy and P. Chatterjee, left-arm medium-pace bowler, did extremely well in their debut in the championship for Bengal against United Provinces. Roy, rescued the Bengal first innings with an unbeaten 112 while Chatterjee claimed seven wickets for 31 as he demolished the UP first innings for 95 in reply to Bengal's 295. UP were beaten by 145 runs despite a fighting 111 by S. Khwaja in the second innings. Holkar's total of 350—C.S. was best with 78—proved sufficient for them to beat Bengal in the zone final by an innings and 32 runs, thanks to the penetrative left-arm bowling of Gaikwad, who took six for 42 and five for 32. Bengal made 185 and 153. Holkar then got a walk-over from

## Ranji Trophy Tourney

Northern India, the Northern Zone winners.

The final between Baroda and Holkar, like the former's earlier ties of the season was played on the matting wicket at Baroda. Despite their apparent batting strength Holkar failed against the medium-paced bowling of Vijay Hazare (six for 85) and were all out for 202 runs of which Sarwate's share was 94. Nimbalkar kept wicket splendidly and accounted for five batsmen (catches 3) Baroda lost three wickets, all to C.K., for just 91 runs. But C.K. and company had to wait for a long, long time for their next success as Holkar and Gul Mahomed got together and added 577 runs. As his wont Gul Mahomed was audacious and littered the field with many magnificent drives; Hazare, in contrast, batted calmly and without fault. Gul Mahomed scored 319 in 533 minutes while Hazare took 628 minutes for his 228. After the stand was broken Baroda lost five wicket quickly to finish at 784. Along with C.K. Gaikwad bore the main burden of the Holkar attack and took three for 134 off 70 overs. Completely outplayed weary Holkar folded up in the second innings for 173

runs against Amir Elahi (six for 82) on the fifth day.

After a break of 11 years the semifinal rounds were played as in the inaugural year; one between winners of South and West Zones, and the other between winners of East and North Zones. Holkar, as noted already, got a walk-over from Northern India, winners of the North Zone. Southern Punjab who beat Delhi by nine wickets—Maqsood Ahmed scored 103 for the former—lost to Northern India by 195 runs. Md. Saeed, the captain, played a dashing innings of 175 runs for Northern India, who were asked to bat by Southern Punjab. He took only 225 minutes of his score adorned with 25 fours and two sixes. In the second innings another young man, Imtiaz Ahmad, who also kept wicket, made 119 runs. For SP Amarnath played a grand knock of 88 while Rai Singh hit up 82. Amarnath also took nine wickets for the match, six of them for 95 runs in the Northern India second innings. Another young allround Fazal Mahmud, who bowled medium-fast, also made his appearance for Northern India. Both he and Imtiaz Ahmad were to shine in later years in Pakistan cricket. Really Fazal Mahmud would have played for India but for the partition, as he was chosen to tour Australia at the end of the season under review. In this match, he took in all



**Fazal Mahmud...made his first appearance for Northern India**

three wickets besides being associated with Imtiaz Ahmad in a 117 run seventh stand.

Hyderabad were the winners of South Zone. Aibara's brilliant batting—124 and 93 against Mysore—was supported by the steadiness of Asghar Ali. Ghulam Ahmed was their chief wicket taker. He gathered eight wickets against C.P. & Berar, who were beaten by eight wickets, four against Mysore, who were defeated by 417 runs, besides wailing the long handle to score 90 runs against Mysore. Ghulam Ahmed's best effort was against Baroda in the semifinal fine allround performance by skipper Palia (135 not out and four for 39) marked the Mysore Madras match in the same zone. Mysore were declared winners on their first innings lead.

In the West Zone, Vijay Merchant opened both batting and bowling against Nawanagar. He scored 121 runs in Bombay's only innings of 336. Nawanagar were beaten by an innings and 27 runs—they made 69 and 240. In the second innings Phadkar's bowling was notable; he bagged seven for 54. In the absence of Merchant, spinner K.K. Tarapore led Bombay to a win against Sind. The Gujarat-Kathiawar tie was played twice, because in the first meeting Kathiawar were disqualified for including Kishenchand, formerly of Sind, in the team. Kathiawar won this match but were beaten in the subsequent meeting.

Vinoo Mankad, who led the side, claimed five for 53 and six for 39 as Kathiawar fell for 155 and 103. Gujarat's only innings of 290 was marked by centuries by J.H. Shoden and Prithviraj; each scored 107. After this innings victory Gujarat lost to Baroda on first innings scores. Baroda, who had also beaten Maharashtra earlier, then overcame Bombay in the West Zone final on first innings scores.

## THE SPORTING LIFE



**NO KIDDIN'?! GEE, I BEEN FISHIN' HERE THIRTY YEARS AND ALL I EVER CAUGHT WAS PERCH...**

# The Game of the Century

By David Barnes

## WEST GERMANY: CHAMPIONS 1954 AND 1974

**I**RONICALLY for a country that has contributed so much to the World Cup story, West Germany won two finals against countries widely acknowledged to have better teams—Hungary and Holland.

Hungary came to the 1954 World Cup which was held in Switzerland, as overwhelming favourites.

In men like Puskas, Hidegkuti, Boszik, Kocsis, and Czibor they possessed a rich array of individual virtuosity and teamwork. They had not lost a game in four busy years, and had become the first foreign side to beat England in their own soil—their crushing 6-3 victory being handsomely confirmed by a 7-1 win in Budapest.

Dubbed the Magical Magyars, Hungary's opening shots were spectacular. After just two games they had run up a total of 17 goals—against South Korea and West Germany. It was a treat for viewers of the first World Cup to be properly covered by television.

Those who saw West Germany, admittedly fielding a weakened side, lose 8-3 found it hard to credit later events. But an incident during that match was to have a profound impact on the destination of the trophy.

For Puskas, known as the Galloping Major from the army club of Honved, received an injury which was to slow him down in the final a week later. West Germany, managed by Sepp Herberger and captained by veteran Fritz Walter, qualified for the later stages by thrashing Turkey 7-2 in a play-off.

## Defended stoutly

West Germany defended themselves stoutly against a dominant Yugoslavia, and drove on to the final with a 6-1 hammering of Austria which marked skipper Walter as the supreme architect of victory.

Hungary meanwhile, were involved in an infernally kicking match with Brazil which became known as the Battle of Berne. Boszik and Brazil's Tozzi and Nilton Santos were dismissed for brawling.

But the matter did not end there, for both teams left the scene of Hungary's 4-2 win to have a free-for-all scrap in the dressing rooms. It was one of the most disgraceful World Cup incidents. Hungary went on to inflict on Uruguay their first-ever World Cup defeat though they were forced into extra time for their 4-2 semi-final win.

The final was played in heavy rain before a crowd of 80,000. Hungary were the strong favourites and when Puskas and Czibor gave them a two-goal lead after just eight minutes the trophy looked as good as theirs. But West German sides have never been short on

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spirit and Morlock and Rehn dragged them level.

It was now that the decision to play Puskas, despite doubts about his fitness which had led to him missing the Brazil and Uruguay games, was revealed as a gross mistake. He faded badly from the



action and Rehn scored the winner with just five minutes left.

Twenty years later in 1974 West Germany were given a fine incentive to add to their laurels when they were chosen as hosts. A heavy security screen provided a grim reminder of the massacre of Israeli athletes during the Olympic Games in the same country two years before.

The West Germans—without the blond long-striding Gunter Netzer—were no longer the force that had won the previous European Championship in such style. Just as their 1954 team had been considered second best to Hungary's, this time most observers would willingly have bet on a Dutch victory.

Holland possessed the world's finest soccer star in Johan Cruyff and they had assembled a team whose interchangeable defensive and attacking talents had spawned the term 'total football'. With five wins and a draw they swept imperiously to the final, revealing in a 2-0 victory over the intimidating

Brazilians that their muscle matched their skill.

West Germany started nervously. They were scarcely more impressive when they beat Australia 3-0. They approached their third match—the first ever game of soccer between the two Germanies—in an atmosphere clouded with suspicion.

There were rumours that Franz Beckenbauer, their marvellous sweeper, was usurping the authority of manager Helmut Schoen. Whatever the truth, East Germany's shock win, due to Sparwasser scoring eight minutes from time, did nothing to dispel stories of internal disharmony. The defeat, though, had one positive effect: it ensured that West Germany would avoid Holland in the second round of matches.

While Holland beat a fleet-footed path to the finals, West Germany's progress was more laboured, particularly in their decider with Poland, which almost drowned beneath a torrential pre-match downpour.

An army of moppers-up helped the fire brigade to make the ground just playable, after a delayed start. Gerd Muller—*Der Bomber* of Germany football—scored the goal that won them the match.

## Reached the final

The West Germans, who had reached the final in 1966 and the last four in 1970, were now once more at the heart of the action. The final opened with a sensation as Cruyff knifed through the German defence to be floored by the outstretched leg of Hoeness. English referee Jack Taylor had no hesitation in awarding the first penalty ever given in a World Cup final and Neeskens stepped up to bang it firmly in.

Cruyff's early goal seemed to lull Holland into merely exhibiting their strengths rather than inflicting them on the Germans. It was a fatal error to toy with their hosts when they should have been intent on beating them. When Breijner equalized with another penalty, having been tripped himself by Jansen, Holland were unable to recover their touch. West Germany had turned the tide in their own favour and Muller, reserving his sixty-eighth goal for his country for its most dramatic setting, turned in the winner from Bonhof's cross with typical sharpness.

## BRAZIL: CHAMPIONS 1958, 1962 and 1970

Months before Sweden became the arena for the 1958 World Cup, a sixteen-year-old boy sat at home in Brazil, trembling violently after hearing his name spoken on the radio.

His full name was Edson Arantes do Nascimento, but all he had heard of the Brazilian national squad was called out was one word: *Pele*. He was then no more than a prodigy with the Santos club side, but the world outside was soon to be amazed by a talent that would

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mature into the finest that soccer has ever known.

It is a sign of Pele's greatness that he should have achieved his phenomenal status, with over 1,000 goals to his name, while surrounded over the years by superstars like Didi, Garrincha, Zagalo, Gerson, Rivellino, Tostao, and Jairzinho.

Brazil stands alone in having won the World Cup three times, and they have the Jules Rimet trophy in their permanent possession to mark the achievement. In 1958, they became the only country—the record still stands—to win the World Cup outside their own hemisphere.

This was the one and only World Cup for which all four British teams—England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland—qualified, the latter pair showing up their richer, more famous rivals by reaching the quarter-finals. Wales, in fact, would always be remembered by Brazil for their heroic resistance in going down just 1-0 to a goal Pele later described as the most important of his career.

Pele had missed the opening matches—a 3-0 dismissal of Austria and a 0-0 draw with England—because of a knee injury.

Brazil's semi-final opponents were France, who were little thought of on their arrival, but whose goals became a feature of the tournament. They scored twenty-three in six games, with Juste Fontaine hitting thirteen to set an individual record that survives to this day.

As so often happens, the host country had been galvanized to achieve results far beyond their normal capacity, and Sweden headed their group before beating Russia and West Germany to reach the final.

The fervour of the crowds was whipped to the highest pitch by bands of organized cheer-leaders allowed on the field before their semi-final with West Germany, a practice condemned by F.I.F.A. who banned it for the final with Brazil.

Sweden had done well to reach the final, and it wasn't all due to the motivating influence of their own fans. They had only recently decided to permit professional football, which meant they could include such forwards as Gunnar Gren and Nils Liedholm, who had left to make their living in Milan.

The Englishman George Reynor managed Sweden, and his pre-match forecast was that if Brazil conceded the first goal they would panic 'oil over the show.' As it happened, he was proved disastrously wrong.

Liedholm scored in just four minutes, but Vavs struck twice before the interval. Then Pele, catching a high ball on his thigh, hooked it over his head and turned to hit the finest goal of the tournament. After two more goals, one to each side, Pele scored again with a



**Pele—born Edson Arantes do Nascimento...the world will remember him forever**

marvellous header to round off a 5-2 win.

Four years later in Chile, Pele, at twenty-one, was the undisputed master of world football. Sadly, injuries forced him to remain a spectator for all but two games. He had been troubled by a groin strain, but had told no one. He made one goal for Zagalo and helped himself to another by beating four defenders in a 2-0 opening win over Mexico.

His secret was out, however, in his next match, a 0-0 draw with Czechoslovakia, when he crumpled in pain after his shot from twenty-five

yards had struck a post. Pele's hobbling exit made room for a new World Cup discovery in Amerildo, who promptly seized his chance with both goals in a 2-1 win over Spain.

It was Garrincha, though, who was to assume Pele's place as the most glittering jewel in Brazil's many-studded crown. He was an irrepresable force, scoring twice and creating the other for Vavs in the 3-1 destruction of England.

He was so devastating, in fact, that Chile descended to kicking him in their semi-final with Brazil. Eventually,



Garrincha's patience gave out and he was sent off for retaliation.

That wasn't the end of his troubles, though, as a bottle, hurled from the crowd, ripped a nasty gash in his head. By that time, however, Garrincha had sealed a place in the final with the first two goals in a 4-2 win.

Brazil met Czechoslovakia in the final and, as in 1958, conceded the first goal, this time to Masopust. Pele, who had been optimistic about regaining fitness for the final, pulled a muscle again in training and watched his deputy Amarildo squeeze an astonishing equalizer from an almost impossible angle. In the last twenty minutes Zito and Vava both struck for Brazil, who deservedly kept the trophy.

The choice of Mexico for the 1970 World Cup, with altitudes of more than 7,000 feet and temperatures soaring into the nineties fahrenheit, was controversial.

Brazil entered the finals just three months after an internal upheaval had unseated manager Joao Saldanha and installed Zagalo, the World Cup winner of 1958 and 1962, in his place. Any hopes on the part of their rivals that this would disturb the harmony, fun and flair of their game were quickly dispelled by a thumping 4-1 win over Czechoslovakia.

England were a different proposition, however. They were moved by the spirit of champions defending their trophy, and Bobby Moore, Geoff Hurst, and Gordon Banks were at their peak in a team reinforced by the newer talents of Francis Lee, Colin Bell, and Terry Cooper.

Skipper Moore's ice-cold nerve had even survived the trauma of being



**Bobby Moore ... England's famous skipper**



**The goal that ousted England from the 1970 World Cup... Gerd Muller of West Germany heads in the winner (3-2) past England's Gordon Banks.**

arrested on a trumped-up charge of stealing a bracelet from a jeweller's shop in a hotel in Colombia. He owed his place in the World Cup to a flurry of diplomatic activity which secured his release for the championships.

England had committed a couple of gross off-the-field errors. They had booked into a hotel in the centre of Guadalajara, and manager Sir Alf Ramsey's gauche, hostile handling of local journalists had whipped up a frenzy of anti-English feeling in the Mexican media.

The combination proved damaging. For right through till dawn on the day of the match with Brazil, a throng of fans made sleep impossible by persistently chanting and hooting their car horns.

Though Pele was to create the only goal of the game for Jairzinho, the most memorable moment was an earlier save by Banks from Pele. It is worth describing, for Pele conceded he had never seen its like.

He had met a Jairzinho cross so cleanly with his head, with Banks stranded at the wrong post, that the scream of 'Goal' was already forming on his lips. Yet, as the ball bounced on the parched earth, Banks, scrambling and then flying across his line, somehow contrived to get one hand beneath it and, by twisting his body, turned it vertically over the bar.

It was a game rich in historical significance for Uruguay were barring

their path—Uruguay, who twenty years before had inflicted a World Cup defeat on Brazil on their own soil. Football memories are long in South America and Brazil knew that while their millions of fans might eventually forgive a defeat in the final, they would never forgive another humiliation by their neighbours over the border.

Brazil won 3-1, but they tested the nerve of their fans by conceding the first goal to the Uruguayans, who defended it with a string of cynical fouls.

Meanwhile, Italy reached the final to pit their own deeply negative concept of the game against the more open, expressive Brazilians. In their three group games, Italy had topped the table despite scoring only once. England, although holding a 2-0 lead, rued the absence through sickness of keeper Gordon Banks as they flopped 3-2 to Germany who, in their turn, lost an extra-time thriller to Italy 4-3 in the semi-final.

Italy had creative forwards like Riva, Boninsegna, Rivera, and Mazzola. But the idea of locking up their own goal was too deeply engrained for change, and Pele, scoring once and making two goals, waved a fabulous farewell to World Cup football. Jairzinho's goal in the 4-1 win made him the only player to score in every round of the World Cup.

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# FIFA's golden jubilee year

## The Fifth World Cup

1954

FIFA membership—80, World Cup entrants—38; grounds used—Lausanne, Geneva, Zurich, Basle, Lugano and Berne; leading scorer—Sándor Kocsis (Hungary) 11; total attendance—9,43,000; attendance in the final—63,000.

FIFA was celebrating the 50th anniversary of its foundation in 1904 and with the headquarters of the Federation being in Zurich it was perhaps inevitable that the fifth World Cup tournament would be staged in Switzerland.

Uruguay and Switzerland, as holders and hosts did not have to qualify and with Poland crying off at the last moment, Hungary too went straight into the final rounds.

Other teams to join them were Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, England, France, Italy, Mexico, Scotland, South Korea, Turkey, West Germany and Yugoslavia.

The sixteen teams were divided into four pools, each with two seeded teams who would not meet each other. This meant the two weak sides played the two strong ones in the pool matches. A strange quirk of organisation indeed! It was also decided that any game that was drawn at full-time would go into extra-time.

### The pools

The pool I consisted of Yugoslavia, Brazil, France and Mexico, pool II had Hungary, Turkey, West Germany and South Korea, Uruguay, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Scotland comprised pool III while England, Italy, Switzerland and Belgium were in pool IV.

The tournament got off on 16th June, 1954, when Yugoslavia faced France at Lausanne and a first-half goal by right-winger Milos Milutinovic saw them through.

France later on beat Mexico 3-2 but still they were out as Brazil whipped Mexico 5-0 and then drew 1-1 with Yugoslavia in what was the most exciting match of pool I.

Hungary came to Switzerland as the hottest favourites to win the Cup and that they meant business became

evident in their first match against South Korea.

The Asian team were trounced 9-0 with Kocsis(3), Puskas(2), Palotas(2), Czibor and Lantos figuring in the scorers' list. They then went on to beat West Germany by a staggering margin of 8-3 and moved into the quarter-finals.

The Germans who cleverly concealed their true strength against the Hungarians by fielding a team with six reserves beat Turkey 7-2 in the play-off to qualify for the quarter-finals. They had earlier beaten the same team 4-1 in the pool match.

In pool III, Uruguay, the holders, began their campaign against Czechoslovakia in Berne in somewhat subdued fashion and it was only twenty minutes from time that they could open the account. Through Miguez they did it and Schiaffino added the second goal shortly afterwards.

### Magic

They however turned on the South American magic against Scotland in Basle. The British team was bewildered and even though they could restrict the score to just 2-0 in the first half, in the second there was simply no reply to the Uruguayans' blitzkrieg and five more were added. Borges got three and Miguez and Abbadie two each.

In Zurich, Probst scored the only goal for Austria against Scotland and at the same venue against Czechoslovakia, the inside-left was in even better form and got three goals in his side's 5-0 victory. Czechoslovakia and Scotland were therefore out and Uruguay and Austria moved into the quarter-finals.

With only a quarter of an hour to go, England were leading Belgium 3-1 at Basle and looked like serving out an easy win when two goals in five minutes from Anoul and Coppens put the match into extra-time.

Lofthouse again put England into the lead but the match ended 4-4 when Dickinson headed the ball into his own goal.

England however made sure of the quarter-final berth beating Switzerland 2-0 in Berna and at Lausanne the host country with ample help from Viane, the Brazilian referee, coasted to a 2-1 win over Italy. As Italy beat the Belgians 4-1, a play-off between them and the Swiss became necessary and the Swiss won it too (4-1).

This time, however, they were aided not by the referee but by their own dash

and enthusiasm and also by the jackadassical approach of the Italians.

Switzerland again banked on their dash and enthusiasm and of course on the home support too when they faced Austria in the quarter-finals. They raced into an astonishing 3-0 lead within the first twenty minutes.

But Austria, prompted by their skipper Ernest Ocwirk were undeterred and scored five goals in a span of seven minutes, the first three in three minutes and led 5-4 at half time. The Swiss finally broke down in the second half as Austria added two more and went on to win the tie 7-5.

On the same day at Basle, England went out 4-2 to Uruguay but they could surely have done better if only Merrick had not put up such a poor show under the bar. Of course Uruguay were a better side in spite of Varela, Abbadie and Andrade pulling their muscles but Schiaffino was superb.

### Favourites

In Geneva, Yugoslavia, the favourites, completely dominated play against West Germany for about sixty minutes. But they just could not score due to the failure of their forwards to put the finishing touches and also due to a rugged German defence.

Left full-back Kohlmeyer alone made three goal-line saves. Then followed an unfortunate mix-up in the Yugoslav defence and the towering Ivan Horvat sent a back pass spanging into his own net.

A 1-0 lead to West Germany and it was a lead they did not deserve. But the Yugoslavs were completely demoralised now and just four minutes from time, the burly winger Helmut Rahn burst clear to clinch the match with a second goal.

Few or, some would say, none of the matches of the final rounds of the World Cup generated as much savagery and brutality as had happened in the tie between Hungary and Brazil.

Justifiably, the match has come to be known as 'the Battle of Berne'. It was a match the England referee, Arthur Ellis, would remember all his life. He had to award 42 free kicks and 2 penalties, issue 4 cautions and also order three players off the field.

An all time record!

In pelting rain the match began on an exciting note and within three minutes Hidegkuti headed Hungary into the lead. The match gradually developed into open brawl.

Hungary scored again through Kocsis and within eight minutes Brazil were down 2-0. Now obstruction and fighting marred almost every moment of the match and the first penalty award went in favour of Brazil when Indios was felled by Buzansky just before half time. Djalma Santos made no mistake with the spot-kick.

In the second half Ellis again pointed to the dreaded spot as he felt Pinheiro had handled Czibor's cross to Kocsis. It was both a crucial and controversial decision. Lantos now made it 3-1 for Hungary but shortly after, Julinho made one of his wonderful runs down the wing before firing in a bullet-like drive to pull it back to 3-2. Then the real trouble began.

With fifteen minutes to go and the match wide open, Nilton Santos and Bozsik came to blows and were sent off—but police had to intervene to see them off the pitch.

Didi then hit the bar and Julinho shot wide but it was Hungary who scored again. Sprinting down the right, Czibor crossed to Kocsis and the inside-forward gleefully headed the ball past Castilho.

Tozzi then kicked Lorant and in spite of falling to his knees and pleading with the referee, he was sent out and the match was soon over. But the fighting continued in the dressing room leaving a number of fresh casualties.

The Uruguay-Hungary tie saw each team play without one of their key players through injury. Just as Varala would not play for Uruguay, Puskas could not help Hungary. But in the end their absence went unnoticed and to this day the tie is regarded as one of the most classic of all World Cup matches. This despite a torrential all through.

It was 1-0 to Hungary at half time, Czibor having volleyed in a header from Kocsis in the 15th minute. Immediately after the break, Hungary went up two nil as Hidegkuti headed past Maspoli off a Budai cross and it seemed all over.

But with only 15 minutes to go, Schiaffino sent Hohberg through to score and in the 87 minute Hohberg scored again from yet another opening by Schiaffino.

In the extra-time, Schiaffino and Andrade got hurt and the pendulum

swung in favour of Hungary. Two grand goals by Kocsis and they were through to the final. For Uruguay it was their first World Cup defeat.

Austria were tipped to score an easy win over the Germans in the other semi-final but in the end it was the Germans who scored a facile 6-1 victory. Austria made a blunder by recalling the veteran goalkeeper Walter Zeman and he, having lost his touch, fumbled all the time.

Fritz Walter, the skipper, converted two spot-kicks, his brother scored two and Schafer and Morlock both hit directly from the corner kicks. Probst got the only goal for Austria.

Most people believed that it was only a matter of formality for Hungary to win the World Cup against West Germany on 14th July, 1954. They however did not consider that the Germans with 30,000 supporters to cheer them up at the Wankdorf Stadium in Bern would virtually be playing at home.

Nor was it considered that the Germans' capacity to fight back was without any parallel. Still the Hungarians were the favourites and Sapp Harberger, the German manager, said he would not mind going down to a better side.

In heavy rain the match began and Puskas who had returned after a long lay-off gave Hungary the lead in the sixth minute by hitting the ball past Kohlmayer backpassed to Turek and the ball slipped out of Turek's grasp and Czibor ran in to drive home, 2-0 to Hungary.

The Germans however were not demoralised and it was within three minutes that they struck back. Fritz Walter centred, Bozsik hesitated and Morlock just managed to jab the ball past Grosics. Nine minutes more and they neutralised the lead. Walter's swerving flag kick beat the entire

Hungarian defence and Helmut Rahn ran in style to drive home.

Hungary now panicked and with Puskas virtually limping, their attacking machine was not functioning properly. But they had their chances and Turek thrice saved what looked like certain goals. Then Hidegkuti and Kocsis hit the woodwork and it appeared that the match would go into extra-time.

But with fifteen minutes to go, Schafer raced down the left and centred, Otmär Walter headed into the penalty box and just as Lantos faltered, Rahn drove in powerfully.

The final hammerblow for Hungary came two minutes from time when Puskas banged the ball in off a diagonal pass from Toth but the goal was disallowed for off-side, a decision which is argued to this day.

Then in the dying seconds Turek leapt high to punch away a stinging shot from Czibor and the World Cup was Germany's, their 8-3 defeat in the pool match was now nothing but a bitter memory to the Hungarians.

## The Sixth World Cup

1958

FIFA membership—86; World Cup entrants—60; grounds used—Malmö, Halmstad, Helsingborg, Norrköping, Västerås, Cerebro, Eskilstuna, Sandviken, Gothenburg, Borås and Stockholm; leading scorer—Juste Fontaine (France) 13; total attendance—8,68,000; attendance in the final—49,737.

**A** RECORD number of sixty nations sent their entries. Surprisingly, both Uruguay and Italy who had between them won the Cup four times were beaten in the qualifying rounds.

The sixteen nations were as usual divided into four pools but this time there was no seeded team and it was also decided that all four teams would play each other in each pool and if there was a tie on points, a play-off would decide the team for the quarter-finals.

On 8th June, 1958, Sweden placed in pool III, set the ball rolling against Mexico in Stockholm and coasted to an easy 3-0 win. Simonsson, the dashing centre-forward got two while the third was scored by wing-half Liedholm from a penalty.

In their next match against Hungary, Sweden encountered a stiff resistance but finally managed to win 2-1 with Hamrin scoring both the goals.

Hungary who were earlier held 1-1 by Wales then met Mexico in their last encounter and finding the Central Americans rather easy meat hammered in four goals without reply.

Now the match between Sweden and Wales was a crucial one as a defeat for the Welsh who had earlier drawn with Mexico, would mean a ticket back home. And while a win would take them to



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the quarter-finals, even a draw would make them eligible for a play-off with Hungary.

In the end, Wales got a draw (0-0), thanks to their playing for it and also for the fact that Sweden, having already qualified, played with a reserve side, and forced a play-off with Hungary.

Played at Stockholm it was a rough match in which Hungary scored first through Tichy to lead 1-0 at half-time. But just seven minutes after the breather, Allchurch's tremendous forty-yard volley brought the equaliser for Wales who added one more in the 28th minute when Medwin intercepted a poor volley from goalkeeper Grosics and ran through to score.

The exit of Hungary was particularly sad but it was perhaps inevitable. Following the revolution of 1956 they had lost such players as Ferenc Puskas, Sandor Kocsis and Zoltan Czibor. Irreplaceable footballers all!

Uwe Seeler who was to become one of world football's leading personalities, made his debut for West Germany in their opening match against Argentina in Pool I. It was a fine debut as Seeler himself got a goal in his side's 3-1 win.

## Trouble

West Germany however ran into all sorts of trouble in their next match against Czechoslovakia and Northern Ireland at Helsingborg and Malmo and were indeed lucky to finish the engagements at 2-2.

Northern Ireland who had earlier beaten the Czechs 1-0 in a sensational game then went down rather unceremoniously to Argentina 3-1.

Juste Fontaine, a native of Morocco, was in and out of the French team for the past two years and he was expected to be a sidelineer in Sweden. But in France's opening game of pool II against Paraguay at Norkoping, manager Paul Nicholas took a chance and put Fontaine into the side and the inside-forward did more than ample justice to himself as well as to the manager by scoring three goals in his team's facile 7-3 victory.

At Vasteras, Fontaine again scored twice against Yugoslavia but he had to see his team go down 3-2 to the unfancied Slavs. As early as in the fourth minute Fontaine put France ahead but Milutinovic, playing in his second World Cup, got the equaliser in the 16th minute and shortly after half-time it was 2-1 for Yugoslavia as Veselinovic scored.

Fontaine again put the two teams level and after he was fouled and France was denied a penalty, Veselinovic got the winner off a breakaway move just three minutes from time.

Paraguay gave their finest show in the last match of pool II against Yugoslavia. The Slavs were leading 2-1 at half-time and then 3-2 up to the 80th

minute when Romero broke through to equalise for Paraguay.

In spite of their good show, the Paraguayan could not get the goals if only Vladimir Beara under the Yugoslav bar were a bit less nervous. The draw nevertheless took Yugoslavia to the quarter-final.

Full-back Roger Byrne, half-back Duncan Edwards, winger David Pegg and centre-forward Tommy Taylor were all certain to hold their place in the England team of 1958. But along with the other Manchester United players, they became the unfortunate victims of the air disaster in Munich on 6th February, 1958, and with their death England's hope were gone.

Still England were favoured to win the opening tie against Russia at Othenburg as the 1956 Olympic Champions were without three of their stars including the brilliant left-half and captain, Igor Netto.

## Revolutionize

Tom Finney could not play against Brazil who in their first match against Austria registered an easy 3-0 win and had also brought into view the 4-2-4 formation which would revolutionize World football.

Still England with their limited resources did well to keep forwards like Didi, Mazzola, Vava and Zagalo at bay and the match ended in a goalless draw.

Vincente Feola, the Brazilian manager introduced two players against Russia whom they beat 2-0, and they were Edson Arantes do Nascimento and Manoel Francisco dos Santos for that matter. Pele and Garrincha! It was Vava, however, who got both the goals for Brazil.

In the play-off at Gothenburg, England were distinctly unlucky as the young debutant Peter Babrook twice hit the bar before Ilyin's shot went in, ironically off the upright. So, Russia joined Brazil in the last eight from pool IV.

Fontaine scored twice while Wisniewski and Piantoni got one each. In Gothenburg, Wales put up a stiff resistance against Brazil and it was only through a late goal by Pele that the Brazilians could beat them.

At Stockholm Sweden found Russia a tough customer in the first half but inspired by Kurt Hamrin in the second, they scored twice without reply. Hamrin got one and Simonsson one.

It was a fascinating game and after thirty-five minutes, Seeler crossed to Hans Schaefer whose strong volley earned West Germany a brilliant goal. Then Skoglund equalised in the 33rd minute.

At half-time the score was 1-1 and just when it appeared that the Germans would sweep the Swedes off their feet, there came a turning point. Erich Juahowiak, the German full-back, kicked Hamrin and was quickly sent off.

But equally quickly Hamrin rose to his feet and resumed! Then Parling

Sweden's left wing-half, violently kicked Fritz Walter and even though the German forward had to be taken out, the referee this time turned a blind eye to the incident. Advantage to the hosts!

These incidents were enough to demoralise the West Germans who conceded two quick goals from Hamrin and Gunner Gren to give Sweden a flattering 3-1 victory and a berth to the final.

The other semifinal between Brazil and France was a one-way traffic except for some spell in the first half. Vava put Brazil ahead in the second minute and Fontaine equalised ten minutes later.

Didi put Brazil into lead once more and after half-time, mestermined a hat-trick for the brilliant Pele—his three goals coming in a span of thirteen minutes. Piantoni scored a later reducer but France were down 5-2 and out.

In the third place match at Gothenburg, Fontaine scored four more goals in his team's 6-3 victory over West Germany, to take his personal tally in the tournament to 13—the record still stands.

The Swedish remained convinced that their team would not reach the final. Now that they were indeed playing against Brazil at Stockholm in the final (on 29th June, 1958) they began hoping for a victory.

## Early goal

George Raynor, Sweden's English manager, also hoped that if the hosts could slam in an early goal the Cup would be theirs. They did indeed score a goal in the 4th minute through Nils Liedholm but the Cup did not become theirs.

Garrincha weaved his way down the right, pulled back for Vava and the inside-forward was majestic in alleming home the equaliser. This was in the ninth minute. Then followed some close shaves for both the citadels and in the 32nd minute Garrincha was again through and again Vava scored. 2-1 to Brazil.

Nine minutes after the breather Nilton Santos, the overlapping left full-back crossed; Pele chested the ball, brought it down to his knee and flicked it over the head of Gustavsson. Then he ran around the Swedish centre-half and volleyed with all the power.

It was a goal for which even Pele was proud of. Zagalo scored the fourth and with the Brazilians in full flight, Sweden pulled back with a goal from Simonsson. Then with just a minute to go, Zagalo crossed and as if to demonstrate his heading power, Pele rose above everybody and got the ball into the net.

Brazil had won 5-2 but the crowd took it in good humour. They had to, as for the first time, there was no dispute that the Cup had gone to the best and the finest team in the world.

To be continued

DEBABRATA CHOWDHURY

## Why this strong-arm tactics?

— By Shirish Nadkarni —

It is apparent that the Badminton Association of India is headed on a head-on collision course with some of the top players in the country. After the fiasco in Goa last month, when the leading players refused to take part in selection trials until the suspension sentence on Sanjay Sharma had been unconditionally lifted, the BAI has been faced with a Hobson's choice.

On the one hand, if it acceded to the players' demands, it would be losing the stronghold that it has had on badminton affairs for a long, long time now. On the other hand, if it took a hard line and the players' unity held, it would have no team to present at the forthcoming Asian Games in New Delhi—a proceeding that would have excited comment from all quarters.

It was clear, when the BAI decided to hold back four second stringers for a special training session in Goa at the cessation of the so-called trials, that the country's badminton controlling body was keeping a second line of defence in reserve. Anil Da, Anup Sethi, Sanjay Mehrotra and Suresh Thomas were asked to stay on.

Now, the BAI has asked another two youngsters, Rajesh Dhir and John of Matta (Kerala) to join the camp. Top stars like national singles runner-up Uday Pawar, national doubles champions Vikram Singh and Partho Ganguli, and three other top Maharashtra players, ranked among the top ten in the country—Pradeep Gandhe, Madhur Bezborra and Sanjay Sharma—have not been invited.

On the other side, Railways players Syed Modi, Leroy D'Sa and Sanat Misra have been brought under severe pressure to join the camp. The Railways Sports Control Board, which has normally sided the Establishment, sent a telegram to the three players, asking them to join the camp immediately or face dire consequences.

It is well known that P. Matilal of the R.S.C.B. is a sympathiser of M/s Chadha, Fazil Ahmed and Co.

This latest step is obviously a ploy of the BAI to break the unity amongst the players, and victimise the ones who had dared to question the authority of the Association. Certainly, when employment is threatened, a player is really hard put to it to preserve his defiant posture.

Sports-lovers will recall the sort of treatment the Railways Sports Control board handed out to table tennis players S. Rameswamy and Indu Puri last year; its high-handed attitude with those under its control is already causing a fair exodus of good sportsmen from its ranks.

Apparently, nine players in total are to

be invited for the Goa camp, since a government sanction is only for this figure. The BAI's step unequivocally means that it intends fielding a new-look side for the Asiad.

With Syed Modi, whose sympathies are not entirely with the other players, likely to play, and strenuous efforts being made to get Prakash down in November, the BAI is in a better position to dictate terms to the 'rebels'.

Prakash's case is still to be decided. Since he is not a professional, but only a licensed player, he is technically eligible to play for India in the Asiad. Badminton not being an Olympic sport, it does not come under the charter of the International Olympic Committee.

The decision will now be up to the



Syed Modi (centre)...pressurised to join the camp, while Partho Ganguli (left) and Uday Pawar (right) have not been invited.

Asian Games Federation, who will consult the International Badminton Federation and the Special Organising Committee of the Asiad, and arrive at a final decision on whether to allow Prakash to play for India, or not.

Sriram Chadha, who was briefly in Bombay on his way to the meeting of the IBF's execution in London, had no explanation to offer to the victimised players who met him in Bombay. Chadha expectedly was tight-lipped about the move of the BAI not to invite the five topnotchers; and claimed that it was a decision left totally to Fazil

Ahmed, chairman of the selection committee, who had been empowered to select nine players for the Goa camp.

The players are now faced with the acid test. If any of them chicken out, and go back on their earlier stand, they will give the undoubted upper hand to the BAI, who will exploit it to the full.

The Railways' players especially are faced with a terrible choice. If they attend the camp, there will be a split in the united front. If they do not, they may have to look for alternative employment, for the R.S.C.B. will positively take action like transferring the boys to undesirable locations. D'Sa and Misra have the sternest test of all.

At the time of going to press, neither of them have left for the camp. The top players are exploring the possibility of bringing a legal action against the BAI for this latest series of actions. However, it is unlikely that the courts will be able to do anything in the matter, unless victimisation is conclusively proved. In any case, it is going to be a long-drawn matter; and meanwhile, there is small chance of an injunction or stay order against the BAI's stand.

What is going to happen is that the players are going to be concentrating on matters other than badminton. Mental stress is not going to help their performance, even should they be reinstated in the camp at a later date and ultimately selected for the Asiad, they will have lost a lot of heart, and it is going to tell on their performance. Nor are the second-stringers going to be able to turn in the kind of performance that will vindicate the stand taken by the BAI.

All in all, it is terrible for Indian badminton!

**Tailpiece:** Just how craftily the BAI is manoeuvring can be seen from the fact that the executive committee of the Association has been pushed forward. Originally, it was scheduled to be held on 19th May; and one of the issues to be decided there was the suspension sentence on Sanjay Sharma. Now it seems that the meeting is actually to be held on 19th June!

Sharma remains under suspension for his article on the India-China Thomas Cup tie, until that date. A month from now, the position of affairs will be much clearer—it will be known whether Prakash can play or not, whether the Railways players have succumbed to the cruel pressure or not, and whether the rest of the players have remained united or not.

The BAI can afford to wait; after all, it is the players who are going to suffer.



# A mediocre affair

**N**EVER before has the Beighton Cup seen such a poor response from the outstation teams. Usually quite a number of well-known outfits from different parts of the country enter this prestigious tournament, but later cry off. This year it was no better. Even the regular entrants did not make the scene. Among these were the illustrious Indian Airlines, North Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur, Indian Navy, Bombay and a number of other teams from the Eastern region.

In all 21 teams had entered in the tournament of which nine were outstation teams. Five of these cried off leaving a miserable four and local contenders to fight it out for top honours. Even Mohammedan Sporting who were a force to reckon with withdrew from the tournament. The tournament was thus left to be a mediocre affair. The only teams worth mentioning are CRPF (Neemuch) and EME Centre, Jullundur. The local challenge centered around four top teams—the two group champions in the senior league, East Bengal and Eastern Railway Athletic Association, and last year's league champions, Mohun Bagan, and newly promoted MMC Club which had some of the veteran players like Vece Paes, Jasvinder Singh and Batla.

One of the main reason for this poor



EME skipper Dilip Ghosh and Eastern Railway players (not in pic) jointly receive the Beighton Cup from chief guest Jatin Chakravarty, West Bengal's PWD minister

state of affairs was the untimely holding of the tournament which did not allow most of the regular players to assist their teams. They were away in the coaching camp for the ensuing Champion's Cup. The summer months of April and May are the hottest in

Calcutta and holding of hockey matches in the afternoon with grueling sun beating down harshly, it was unbearable for most of the players.

After hosting the Nationals and the sub-junior tournaments the Bengal Hockey Association seemed to have slackened its efforts in getting right out to invite more teams. There was no coaxing done either as the secretary, N.C. Dutt, was himself unwell and his deputy had to get the senior league going. Naturally, there was a half-hearted approach in holding the Beighton Cup.

Of the four top teams that were given a bye into the quarter-finals, two did not come, leaving EME Centre and CRPF to be the pride of the tournament. Among the local outfits that gained from the withdrawals were Food Corporation of India (FCI) who landed themselves into the semifinals of the tournament. They were to meet Indian Navy in the previous round. They accounted for the group league champions East Bengal with a hard-earned goal victory in the pre-quarters. But FCI's progress was halted by the league finalists ERAA who reached the semifinal stage in the lower half of the draw. In the upper half EME and CRPF met in the semis. Both the first-leg matches in the semis, however, ended in a draw. The EME-CRPF match finished with score at 1-1 while that of the FCI and ERAA ended in 2-2. EME who were on the run in their second leg were lucky to reach the final defeating CRPF via the tie-breaker (8-5). The other semifinalists had to fight it out where ERAA finally triumphed with a solitary



Play in progress during the Beighton Cup final between EME and Eastern Railway. The two teams were dead-locked in a goalless draw



goal victory to make to the final for the first time.

The first of the double-leg final was a tame affair with none of the teams able to score. There was a tendency on the part of the teams to test each other's wits and strength. But in the process they could not sound the boards. Not that they did not get chances but the two goalkeepers, D.K. Ghosh of EME and B.S. Sajwan of ERAA, rose to the occasion and saved the day for their respective teams.

It was a complete different story in the second leg. It provided some thrilling moments especially in the second half when ERAA seemed to spearhead with great verve and combination. It was for the first time one saw their enterprising Raj Kumar, brother of Ashok Kumar, moving up in the forward line as an inner and doing a grand job. The only defect in the ERAA attack was that it lacked finish that eluded them a goal. But most of the ERAA players' attempts were, however, warded off well by EME's outstanding custodian Ghosh.

The tie-breaker, however, brought in its wake a drama of sorts. The local league contenders who had reached the final of the Beighton Cup for the first time wanted to inscribe their name in the coveted cup and clamoured in sharing the trophy. They requested the



Eastern Railway's Omprakash tries to gain possession of the ball even as EME defender Kusha puts his stick forward



EME custodian Dilip Ghosh is attended to by his teammates after being hit on the nose by a penalty stroke taken by Eastern Railway. PICS: SANTOSH GHOSH

Army unit to call it a day on the pretext of bad light. None of their players were willing to take tie-breaker push. Time was soon running out and the chief guest of the evening, Jatin Chakravarty, the West Bengal PWD minister, and a great lover of sports, immediately signalled the floodlights of the Mohun Bagan ground to be switched on. The push was taken by the players. The result, however, was never achieved as both sets of tie-breakers ended in 6-6. Only sudden-death could have solved the match. Earlier in the second tie-breaker, Ghosh, the EME goalkeeper, sustained a nose injury when stopping the second attempt. His place was taken by his colleague. And ERAA had all but the new goalkeeper to beat. But they could not cash in on the advantage.

This time it was EME who thought it fit to approach the ERAA to call it a day. Their request was, however, willingly acceded and both the teams shared the Beighton Cup. ERAA won the toss to keep it for the first six months. This was indeed the first feather in the cap of the local team.

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*Hugh Jones holds aloft the victor's trophy along with the second placed Joyce Smith, who was adjudged the fastest woman runner...*



*...in the Gillette London Marathon recently. Hugh who clocked a record timing of 2 hrs, 9 mins and 25 secs is seen here breasting the tape in London recently*



*Steve Coppell, of Manchester United (left) is being chased by West Ham's Everald La Ronde in a first division match at Upton Park, East London recently. West Ham won by a decisive margin* **CPP PHOTOS**



*Europe's Footballer of the Year, West Germany's Karl-Heinz Rummenigge said that flower pollen from bees and hard training put him back into action after his injury in a quarter-final tie of the European Champions Soccer Cup*

# A remarkable achievement

**U**NLIKE their athletics where there is a distinct indifference from both the organisers and the participants these days the YMCA Boxing Championship held in the last week of April showed unabating interest carried over to far too many centres with nearly all parts of the country represented

From the four day shows initially restricted to schoolboys to later include the junior section and finally the men's section the championship now embraced seven days with an average of forty bouts till the final evening. This is a remarkable achievement for a championship which began with limited aims

The organizers the New Delhi YMCA now appear to have been relegated to the second spot with boxing taking over almost completely. The Services units provide the majority of the boxers with popular centres like Rourkela Steel Plant clubs from Bombay and Pune from Lucknow Nainital all filling in the juniors and schools sections

The officials are all from outside barring of course the few local servicemen and a couple of civilians. The technical aspect of the YMCA Championships is one of the best perhaps the best

The organisation however needs to be tightened the main problem being in the YMCA itself where there are very few willing and dedicated people. The YMCA apparently thinks that by lending its name they have done enough. But in this they are mistaken

Visiting officials who spend days and nights sometimes going to sleep well beyond 2 a.m. only to get up early enough to help in the medical and weighing in and prepare the day's programme are not all treated the way they should be

Despite the best of intentions the YMCA has not found a way out of its troubles with the labour and every year the disgruntlement of the staff is manifest in the indifferent treatment of the visiting officials

Considering the fact that this year's championship was the tenth in the series one would have thought that the YMCA would have sorted out all the problems and things would work almost mechanically. That unfortunately was not the case

What were teething problems ten years ago have become more acute though they are still considered minor problems

It is to the credit of the ever increasing numbers and the enthusiasm of teams like the Rourkela Steel Plants among the civilians that the show goes on

The Services who have contributed

the technical expertise the boxers and doctors are conditioned to discipline and hence give the championship a status far more in importance than any other championship in Asia. In fact there is no boxing championship in the world of the proportions to which the YMCA Invitation Championships have grown

One of the results of the YMCA boxing championships is the increasing defiance of the civilian boxer who till a few years ago would not have lasted more than a round against Servicemen no matter how good he was in technique

And the fact that this year's best boxer in the open section came from the Railways is proof enough of the civilians progress. Saleem Siddique, the Railway champion in the featherweight gave an exhibition of fine footwork and hard punching when he outpointed MEG's Chandrasekhar to win the title

Chandrasekhar a bit awkward in style is not the best featherweight MEG



*Saleem Siddique of the Railways has MEG's Chandrasekhar at his mercy in the featherweight final. Siddique's performance won him the title and the best boxer's award*

has produced but he is a tough customer and has staying power. Despite the furious beating he took in the first round through sheer stamina appeared to overawe Siddique in the second a round in which the Railway boxer looked a tired and fought on for a retreat

But the third round found him in top form again and Chandrasekhar staggered by a left right combination took a mandatory count. But he went on to test out and Siddique won the title and his performance gave him the best boxer's award

Madras Engineering Group with former Olympians Narayanan and Venu as seconds, had another good outing winning both the seniors and the juniors but failed to keep the schools title which went to Rourkela Steel Plants the difference between the teams being just one point

National Champion Ganapathy Manoharan ran into a peculiar problem when he met Inderjeet Singh of Kumaon in the bantamweight final. Inderjeet a totally unorthodox customer made a mockery of Manoharan's superior technique and skill

The Madras Sapper gave him heavy punishment but Inderjeet just would not go down. He really made Manoharan sweat it out. Another popular winner was Shanmugham also of MEG. His stinging left jab left its mark on Ravinder Kumar Thapa while Christu Raj was a bit fortunate in that Surendra Thapa his opponent in the lightweight final retired early because of a sprain

Thapa was really tough and could have given trouble to Raj. A good boxer in the making was light fly GB Gurung who stopped BEG Kirkee's Mumunkar in the first round

In the junior section the honours went to MEG through with Nagellam the best boxer and TISCO's Francis the best loser. Perhaps the most encouraging sign was the tremendous improvement both in style and ring manners from the boxers of the various outstation schools

Only a couple of years back, these young boxers had little knowledge. But

the regular visits to the YMCA Boxing Championships every year has taught them a lot and almost all of them are very improved boxers. Here, though MEG introduced a number of promising faces Rourkela Steel Plants with their enthusiastic coach, Rao, did well to claim the title and also produce the best boxer in Amrresh Roy

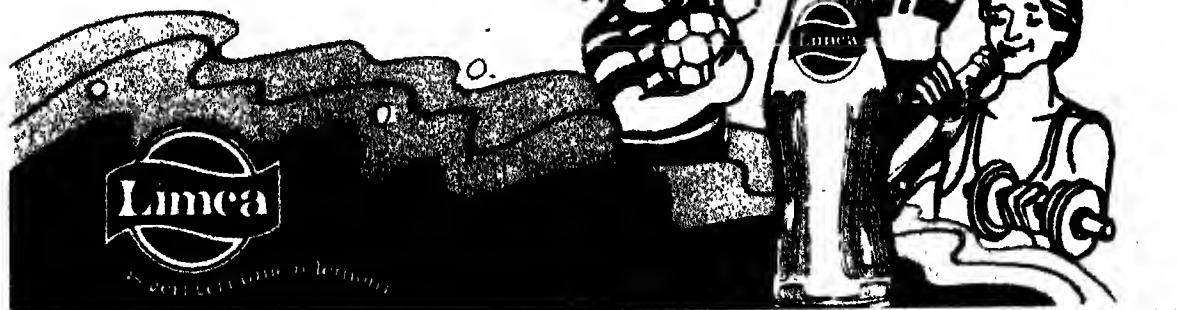
The YMCA Championships this year had certain outstanding features. One was the presence of a very large number of ex-national champions mostly as coaches of the various units

And it is to the credit of the officials incharge of the technical aspect that barring the team championships awards which were presented by Gen. Sethna the Vice Chief of Army Staff, the rest of the awards were presented by the past heroes. It was a great moment for both the boxers and the ex-champions

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**S**OME sports personalities, it seems, are upset that though an astro turf has already been laid in Delhi, since the authorities there do not know how to use and maintain it, it cannot be used by our sportsmen for practice.

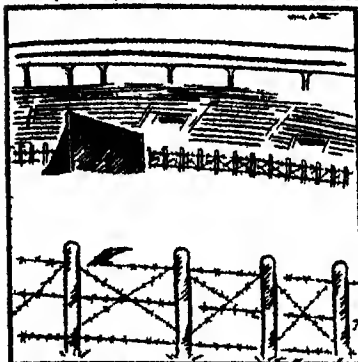
Actually, this is not quite true. I understand that the astro turf was never brought to play hockey on it.

An official of the Asiad organising committee was telling me about it. I do not understand what all these complaints are about the hockey players not being able to practice on the astro turf. After all, such expensive

synthetic turf was not bought for people to play hockey on."

"It was not!" I said.

"Naturally," said the official. "Do you know how much we paid for the astro turf? We can't let people play games on it. After all, we are not rich Holland to



have scores of astro turfs for people to fool around with."

"What do you intend to do with the astro turf?" I asked.

"Well, we have not yet made up our mind," the official said. "It can be put to several uses. For instance, when

foreign visitors come to Delhi, we can show it to them. They will be very impressed. How many developing countries have astro turf?"

"That's quite true," I said. "How do you intend to protect the astro turf from the weather, local people, etc?"

"We will be taking adequate precautions," the official said. "We are inviting an Australian company to prepare special covers for the astro turf that will protect it from the Delhi summer and winter. We will also be putting a barbed wire fence around the astro turf so that nobody can enter it and walk on it with his shoes on."

"That's good," I said.

The official continued, "As far as hockey players are concerned, they will not be allowed to come anywhere near the astro turf. If they want to play hockey, they can go and play at the Northern Railway grounds. And that goes for other sports also."

One more question. "I said. "Tell me, why did you buy the astro turf in the first place?"

Because everybody kept saying our hockey stars do not have any astro turf to practice on," the official said.



**Q** WHO were the rival skippers in the Test in which England amassed 903 for seven declared?

—Gafoor Mohd (Udhampur)

**A** ENGLAND were led by Wally Hammond and registered the score in the fifth Test against Australia at the Oval in 1938. Australia were led by Don Bradman but he injured his ankle so badly that he could not bat in either innings.

**Q** WHO is the first batsman to be out at 99 on his Test debut?

—Alok Behari Lal Agnihotri (Sikanderpur U.P.)

**A** A G CHIPPERFIELD of Australia. He was caught by L E G Ames off K Farnes for 99 on his debut in the first Test against England at Nottingham in 1934. R J Christiani of the West Indies also met with a similar fate on his debut against England at Bridgetown in 1947. He was lag before to Kranston

**Q** WHAT is the record for the highest partnership in Tests?

—Henry Fernandes (—)

**A** THE record is held by Don Bradman (244) and W H Ponsford (268) who put on 451 for the second wicket in Australia's fifth Test against England at the Oval in 1934.

**Q** WHAT is the highest partnership for India for all wickets?

—Suknitar (Bhiwandi Maharashtra)

**A** THE opening stand of 413 between Vinoo Mankad (231) and Pankaj Roy (173) in the fifth Test against New Zealand at Madras in 1955-56.

**Q** WHAT is the Test record of Dilip Vengsarkar?

—V K Patel (Kolar) Shashi Arya (Kota), Sanjay Kamath (Bombay 50), H H Dhamkot and M Mansuri (Bombay 8) and A K Vishrani (Bombay 19)

**A** VENGSAKAR has so far played in 48 Tests in 78 innings eight

times not out. He has aggregated 2 676 runs at an average of 38.22. He has hit up five centuries and 14 half centuries with 157 not out in the second innings of the third Test against the West Indies at Calcutta in 1978-79 as his best effort.

**Q** WHO has scored the fastest half century in Tests and who holds the record for India?

M H Davda (Surat)

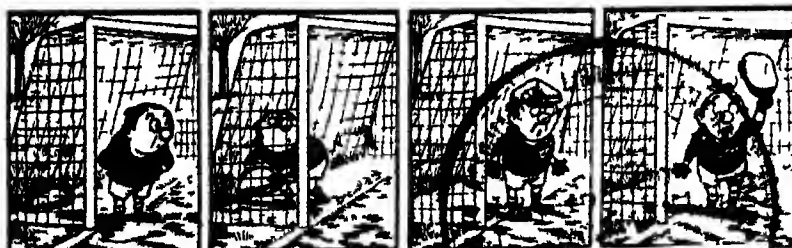
**A** ENGLAND's J T Brown holds the record. He took just 28 minutes to reach his half century against Australia at Melbourne in 1894-95. Salim Durrani holds the record for India taking only 29 minutes to reach his 50 in the fifth Test against England at Kanpur in 1963-64.

**Q** HAS M A K Pataudi ever hit five sixes in an over in a county match? What is his highest Test score?

—Vijay Khetarpal (Karnal Haryana)

**A** NO. His highest Test score is 203 not out in the second innings of the fourth Test against England at New Delhi in 1963-64.

## SPORTING SAM . . . . . by Reg Wootton







**INAUGURATED** by the first Indonesian lady, Madame Suharto, a 26-player (including 18 grand masters) international tournament was staged in Jakarta in February last

Results Browne and Henley (USA) 17½/26, Chandler (NZ), Christiansen (USA), Sosonko (NLD), Kurajica (Yug), Hort (Cz) 16 each

#### CHANDLER-HENLEY

1 e4, e6 2 d4, d5 3 Nd2, Be7 4 Ngf3, Nf6 5 e5, Nfd7 6 Bd3, c5 7 c3, Nc6 8 O-O, Qb6 9 dxc5, Qc7 10 Nb3, Nxe5 11 Bf4, Nxf3ch 12 Qxf3, e5? 13 Bg3, Qc6 14 Rfe1, e4 15 Rxe4!!, dxe4 16 Bxe4, Qf6 17 c6!, Ne5 18 Bxe5, Qxe5 19 cxb7, Bxb7 20 Bxb7, Rb8 21 Nd4, Bd6 22 g3, O-O 23 Nc6, Qb5 24 Nxb8, Qxb2 25 Rd1, Bxb8 26 Rd7, Qb5 27 Bc6, Qe6 28 Bd5, Qe8 29 Rb7, a5 30 Bxf7ch!, 1-0

French Defence 3 Nd2 is Tarrasch Variation The main lines are 3 Nc6 4 Ngf3 Nf6 5 e5 Nd7, 3 Nf6 4 e5

Nd7 5.Ng3, c5; 3 .c5 4 exd5, exd5 5 Ng3, e6

9 dxc5) Promising is the gambit 9.Re1, cxd4 10.cxd4, Nxd4 11 Nxd4, Qxd4 12.Nf3, Qb6 13 Qc2, h6 14 Be3, Qd8 15 Qe4, Kf8, (Hort-Dobish, Czech, 1979)

An improvement in the above is 9 Re1, e5 10 a3, cxd4 11 cxd4, e4 12 Bc2, Nxd4 12 Bxa4, O-O (Arnason-Knaak, Sochi 1980)

9. Qc7) Simpler is 9 Nxc5 10 Bc2, O-O

12 a5?) Without development Black's centre Pawn phalanx proves vulnerable Safer is 12 QdC

14 e4) The KP cannot be otherwise maintained, e.g 14 f6 15 Qh5ch deprives Black of castling, or 14 Bf6 15 Qh5, h6 16 f4, e4 17 c4

17 c8!) After 17 bxc6 18 Bxc6 Bb7 19 Bxb7, Rd8 20 Bc7, White wins back his Rook with two extra Pawns In any case White gets two Pawns for the exchange

22 O-O) If 22 Qf6 (to avoid the fork) 23 Re1ch, Kf8 24 Qd5, and the threat is 25 Ne6ch, or if 25 Be7 26 Nc6, Rxb7 27 Nxe7 Rxe7 28 Qd8ch and mates

25 Rd1) Black has recovered a Pawn but he is now subjected to attack If 25 Rxb8 26 Rxd6, Qxb7 27 Qxb7, Rxb7 28 Rd8 mate

30 Bxf7ch!) After 30 Rxf7 31 Qxf7ch

Qxf7 32 Rxb8ch, etc leads to a won King and Pawn ending

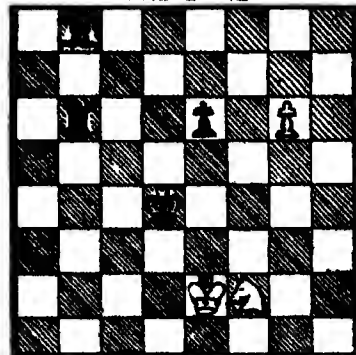
#### STEIN-TREPPNER

Played in a tournament in West Germany The players had to play with instruments attached for scientific investigation by grand master Pfleger of their stress reactions

1 e4, e5 2 Nf3 Nf6 3 Bc4, Nxe5 4 Nc3, Nxc3 5 dxc3, f6 6 O-O, Nc6 7 Nh4, g6 8 f4, Qe7! 9 b4 d6 10 f5, Qg7 11 Kh1 Ne7 12 g4, Bd7 13 b5, O-O 14 e4, h5!, 0-1

Petrov's Defence MCO gives 8 f5 9 g3, Bc5ch 10 Kg2, d6 11 b4, Bb6-

#### END GAME



White: Ke2, Nf2, Pg6 Black: Kd4, Rb6, Bb8, Pe6.

White to play and draw



9 3 2  
5 4 3 2  
A Q J  
A 6 5  
N  
S  
A K Q J 10  
A  
10 9 3 2  
4 3 2

#### Opening Lead HK

On a good day the N/S cards could produce a slam in spades but on a bad day "4 spades" could be defeated unless you are on your toes

Plan the play for (a) '6 spades' (b) '4 spades' Curiously enough the correct play for "4 spades" is more difficult to visualise than that for a spade slam

To make twelve tricks you need (the diamond King with West in addition to no more than two diamonds and two spades with West There are some additional requirements as well, as we shall see presently

In a slam, the right play is to duck a club after drawing just one round of spades or none The defence can do better than return a heart A second round of trumps is drawn followed by

the diamond finesse Two more rounds of diamonds follow, dropping West's hoped for doubleton King and the CA is cashed A heart is ruffed in hand and the fourth diamond cashed pitching a club from dummy A club ruff with the nine of spades now sees you through

You can cater also to a singleton spade and doubleton diamond with West or two spades and a single King of diamonds but in the former case East needs to be precisely x x x x, x x x x x x x

If he has a heart less he spikes your guns with a diamond discard when the third heart is ruffed

If he has a singleton club he merrily ruffs the Ace of clubs and the party is over

In the latter case i.e. when West has a singleton DK and doubleton spade even if East has a doubleton heart it does not hurt for one diamond discard does him no good

Now what about ensuring the pedestrian contract of "4 spades" Clearly you'll be unlucky to go down However, once you test the spades at trick two and everybody follows your contract is assured and bad luck is for the birds

#### Ready?

Suppose you draw a second spade and finding the suit 4-1 you decide to draw four rounds A losing diamond finesse could land you in the rough with the inevitable heart shortening and dummy's blocking diamond honours

Is it better than to reject the diamond finesse and play the Ace and Queen?

Not really because the heart punch has the same effect Your last entry to hand is extracted whilst the diamond knave is blocking

What about discarding the diamond knave on the fourth trump and then playing off Ace and Queen Still not good enough the defence simply refuses to take it's DK and you are back to square one

How about stopping trumps after two rounds when the four one split is discovered and finessing diamonds immediately?

Unless the second diamond is ruffed you'll be OK for there will be a trump entry to hand preserved and dummy's third diamond can be unblocked on the fourth trump

Not bad! But hardly good enough! Your contract is assured and you don't have to rest at the mercy of that 'unless'

The sure-fire play is simple once it strikes you Draw four rounds of trumps discarding a heart from dummy Play Ace and Queen of diamonds A duck is now meaningless defence so the defenders take their diamond King and press on with hearts

When hearts are played, you discard clubs from hand on the second and third round but when the fourth heart comes you ruff and triumphantly discard that wretched blocking diamond knave

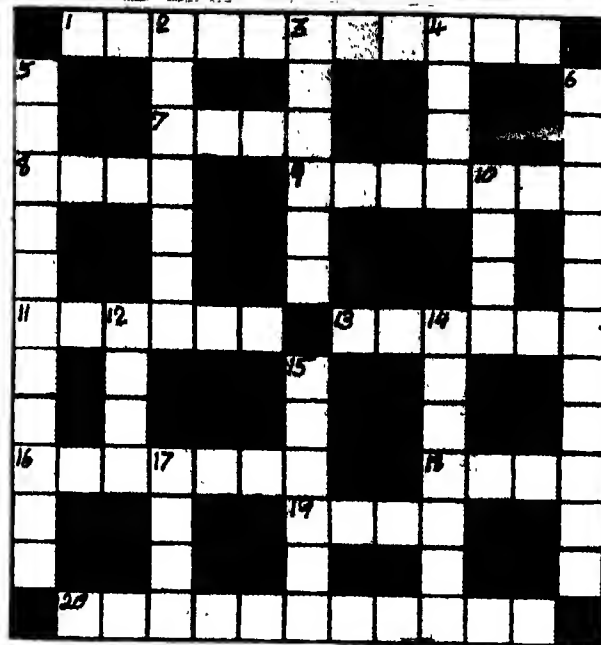
I'm obliged to my friend Mansur Tyebjee for this tantalising '4-spades' contract He still won't tell me where he dug it up from

## ACROSS

1. Double Olympic weightlifting champion (heavyweight) has a metal inbetween and ends with the heavens (11).
7. High jump style belly — returns (4).
8. English cricketer returns with a motherly start (4).
9. Australian cricketer returns with an heir in the end (7).
11. Both teams put up — big — in the Ranji final (1, 5).
13. English bowler returning has another bowler in the end (6).
16. Cricket is a — spectator sport in India (7).
18. Two mornings return for a statistician (4).
19. All criketers dread scoring this returning (4).
20. Italian Davis Cup star starts with an engineering degree and ends with a Bombay club (10, 1).

## DOWN

2. 1959 Wimbledon men's singles champion has a pronoun inbetween (1, 6).
3. New Zealand cricketer has a container inbetween (5).
4. You play this volley in tennis (4).
5. The human locomotive's javelin throwing wife (4, 7).
6. They dominated world swimming some time ago for a short spell (11).
10. Lunar cricketer from England (4).
12. Applaud from the fan (4).



14. This Games began at Athens (7).
15. Gun part starts with a degree (6).
17. Women compete for this badminton trophy (4).

## How much do you know?



1. The serve in tennis strikes the net post and falls into the correct service court. Is it a let or a fault?
2. Can a golfer remove man-made obstructions before making a stroke?
3. In which gymnastic events is footwear compulsory?
4. What is the lowest weight class in Olympic freestyle wrestling?
5. In rowing the bowman is in the front or rear of the boat?
6. What is the interval between the

fourth and the fifth games of a volleyball match?

7. In all lifts, if during the pull the bar grazes or slides along the thigh without stopping, will the lift be passed?

## ANSWERS

1. It's a fault because it hit a permanent fixture. 2. Yes. 3. Side-horse, rings, parallel bars and horizontal bar. 4. Light flyweight. 5. Front end. 6. Five minutes. 7. Yes.

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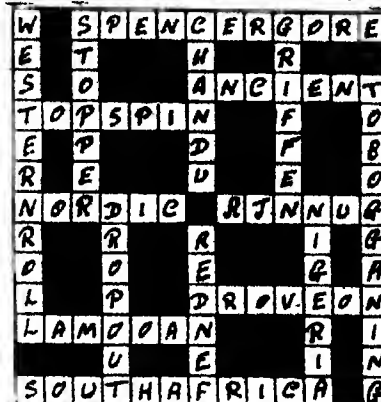
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# MAIL BAG

## Keep it up, Sunny

**H**EARTY congratulations to our beloved captain Sunil Gavaskar for his superb century against Warwickshire at Edgbaston and has proven like he has done time and again that he is the best Indian opening batsmen ever

Keep it up Sunny

—Ashok Shenoy,  
(Chembur Bombay 81)

## Congrats, Imran

**C**ONGRATS to Imran Khan for being appointed as captain of the Pakistani team to tour England this summer. It is hoped that 'Immy' will bring victory for this homeland, because he has the capability to pull any team out of the jaws of defeat with his superb performance being proficient in both bat and ball

Then victory could be most certain because he is leading a side with sound players like Majid Zaheer Miandad and Sarfraz

—V Balachandran,  
(Parkside Rd Calcutta 26)

## Unimaginative Mahajan

**T**HE premature retirements of India's two great stalwarts Surjit Singh and Maharaj Kaushik speak volumes of the state of affairs that governs the Indian Hockey Federation under the unimaginative chief Inder Mohan Mahajan

Indian hockey is on its way to regain past glory and these dirty politics will only harm the sport which once India were famous for

Under Mahajan Indian hockey has not fared well at all. It was because of him that India did not take part in last year's Champions trophy in Karachi and who can forget the Bhaskaran episode

And now Mahajan has bungled again by appointing Surinder Singh Sodhi of Punjab Police to head the Indian Hockey Federation for the Champions Trophy

How sad

Dhruv Kant Shetty  
(Tarnaka Secunderabad)

## Sodhi, the arrogant

**T**HE question of three hockey players (Surjit, Grewal and Kaushik) from the international scene and their reasons for

doing so has exposed the goings-ons in the Indian Hockey Federation. It is now extremely clear that politics as in the past is playing a key role and thus the decline in our hockey standards

One fails to understand why Sodhi was made to captain the side? Was it because



Sodhi, a misfit

the IHF always want a Northerner to be at the helm of things? There are definitely better players than him who with their capabilities to coordinate with the rest of the players both on and off the field is quite known. But Sodhi is known to be an arrogant and quick tempered and that might ultimately prove to be his downfall

It is a pity that Zafar Iqbal was not chosen as a captain. Anyway, with five new faces in the squad we hope that India will bring back the long awaited gold and even if it does (God willing) it is no thanks to Sodhi

—Don Monteiro  
(Dockyard Rd Bombay 10)

## MECON: a superb team

**A**KA KHAN hockey the tournament that is supposed to bring in new teams every year, excelled themselves when they invited MECON (Ranchi) to vie for the prestigious trophy

And what a team they were! So young and hardly a luminaire in their side they played with so much verve and talent that the crowd at the Bombay Gymkhana fully rooted for them

One player stood out amongst them and that was captain C. Dungdung who played marvellously. Functioning on the right back position, he used to drive his forwards relentlessly onwards and they in turn never let him down

His judgement of the ball is simply uncanny as his fantastic goalline saves against State Bank of India, Southern Railway and Army Service Corps is the

talk among the hockey fans in town

But alas, they bowed out of the tournament to those giant killers ASC who beat them in the third round

We hope we will see more of them in the near future

—Grenville Tyson  
(Dadar, Bombay 28)

## Refereeing standards below par

**T**HE standard of refereeing at the Federation Cup Football tournament was appalling, to say the least. Many an interest was lost due to the wrong calling of the referee and the linesman

Contrary to the recent statements of the AIFF bosses, one witnessed a crop of old-timers engaged in supervision of a good number of matches

It appeared as if the AIFF and the Referees Board were acting on the quota system

How could then one explain the choice of so many old men for the job whose fitness and supervision left a lot to be desired

It is no secret that we are far short in international standards as far as refereeing is concerned. Even then the AIFF is not making efforts to improve the present pitiable situation

In the best interest of the game, the AIFF should ensure that only fit and able referees are deputed to supervise at the national level in future

—A K Premchand  
(Calicut, Kerala)

## Vijay riding a high wave

**Y**ANNICK NOAH and Dick Stockton have beaten Borg this year but then Borg was returning to top tennis after a break of nearly six months

Lesser players have beaten McEnroe whose performances go to prove that he is a very vulnerable champion

But truly the upset of the year is Vijay Amnraj's triumph over No 1 Ivan Lendl, the super Czech who has been going on unchecked since his loss to Vitas Gerulaitis in the US Open of '81

Vijay ultimately won the championship when Sandy Meyer dropped out in the final

After achieving a certain amount of skill, winning is a question of guts, and Vijay has got them

Vijay is now riding on the crest of a high wave, and with Borg, Lendl, Vilas, Clerc, Teltcher not playing Wimbledon, an inspired Vijay if he keeps on the same driving force that made his victory over Lendl possible, can create again a world wide sensation

Vijay it's now or never for you. Best of luck

—Dhruv Mehta  
(Bombay)

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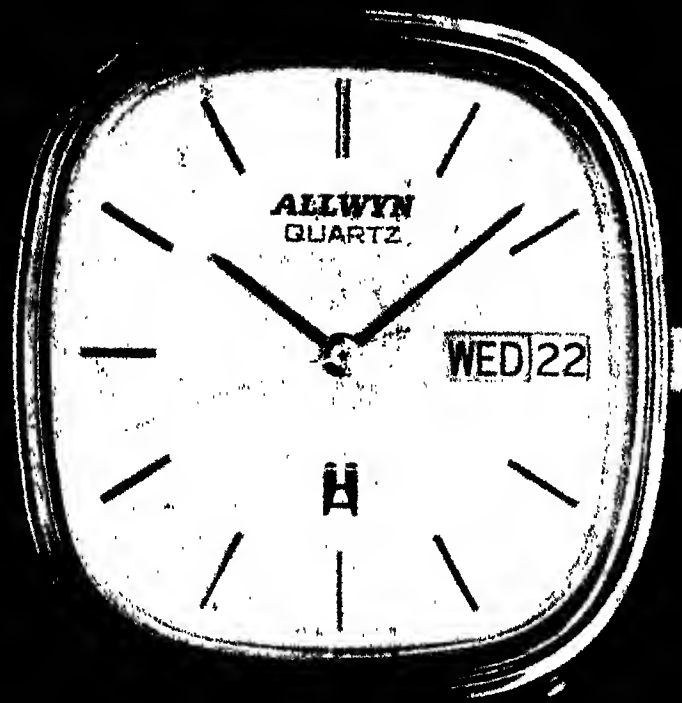
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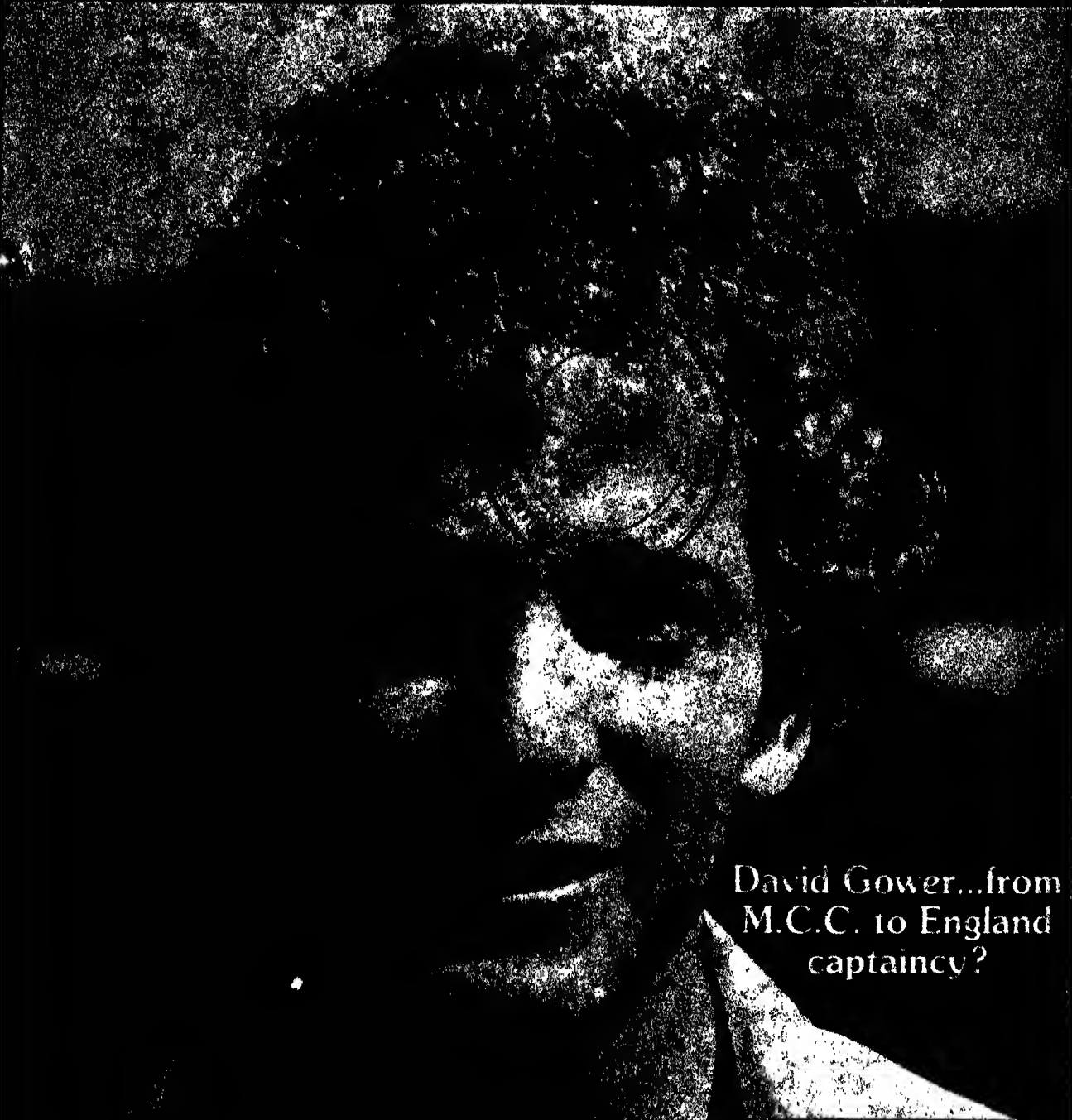


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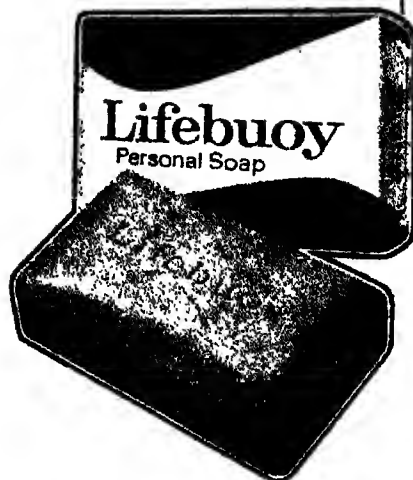


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## Cover

THE need to have continuity could have been omnipresent in the



English selectors' mind before they named Leicestershire southpaw David Gower as captain of the MCC side that played against the touring Indians at Lord's.

But less than a week from appointing David Gower as MCC captain the selectors chose Warwickshire's old war horse Bob Willis to lead England during the first half of the season against India. This has given more credence to believe that Gower will be made the deputy skipper.

His leadership qualities against India were appreciated by one and all at Lord's and convinced one of his maturity since he led Young England against New Zealand in 1978.

If not in the series against Pakistan, David Gower may probably be only the second cricketer from Leicestershire to lead England for the winter tour of Australia since Ray Illingworth led England in 1971

Transparency : Neelkant Sharma

# Ban on Kapil could pose problems

— By Henry Blofeld —

**K**APIL DEV, the Indian all-rounder has been told by the Indian cricket board of control that it will not allow him to complete his two-year contract with Northamptonshire at the end of the Indian tour.

Last week Kapil Dev received a letter from the secretary of the board, Kamadiker telling him that he must break his contract.

The reason is that two of the Northamptonshire players are Peter Willey and Wayne Larkins who took part in the recent rebel tour to South Africa.

But this direction from the Indian board will cause legal complications as Ken Turner, Northant's secretary and Geoff Cook, the captain, have already said that Kapil Dev must fulfil this contract.

I believe that the Indian board is wrong to try and prevent him from completing his contract. It is interesting and perhaps relevant that the West Indians who are usually more militant than India over the South African question have not tried to stop their players from taking part in county cricket along with members of Graham Gooch's rebel team.

If they did so they would be trying to prevent their players from earning their living as private individuals which is what the Indian hierarchy have now done to Kapil Dev.

Kapil Dev himself was not allowed to

talk to the press at Canterbury because the terms of his tour contract forbids him to speak without the permission of his manager Raj Singh who was himself playing in a club game with some friends elsewhere in Kent.

The whole South African question was very much on people's minds at

counties not to play their cricketers who want on that tour of South Africa.

Alan Knott, Derek Underwood, Bob Woolmer were all out of bounds therefore but with the captain Asif Iqbal resting and fast bowler Kevin Jarvis out because of injury this was a very

## Raj Singh clarifies

**T**HE Kapil Dev problem was clarified by Indian manager Raj Singh who was available on Monday at Canterbury for comments.

Raj Singh stated that he had read the letter sent by the secretary of the Indian Board to Kapil Dev. It was more than anything a letter of enquiry.

Kapil has one more year of his two-year contract with Northamptonshire to complete and before giving their final clearance the Board apparently wanted to know his plans in more details and as to who is likely to be playing with Northamptonshire this season.

From this, it seems the Board is aware that two of the South African tour

rebels, Larkins and Willey will be among Kapil's teammates, although so too will be Pakistani Sarfraz Nawaz, which the Indian Board apparently may not know.

Raj Singh was sure that when the president and the secretary of the Indian Board arrive in London on June 8, the matter will be cleared up satisfactorily. Raj Singh was confident that the Indian Board will ultimately agree to Kapil fulfilling his contract. If they did not, it would mean an unwarranted restraint of trade.

It appears that the original interpretation of this letter was extremely misleading and that there has been no talk of putting a ban on Kapil Dev.

Canterbury because the attendance on the first two days of this match were extremely low not reaching a thousand for either day—which is almost unheard of in Kent.

It is thought that many supporters stayed away in protest at Kent's decision along with that of the other 16

inexperienced Kent side.

The public may well have felt that it was one they did not want to watch especially in such variable weather. Also after England's recent tour of India the Indians have acquired what maybe an unfair reputation for playing dull cricket.

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## Principles cannot be compromised

**T**HE South African problem has assumed such a complex nature that playing during an English season has become a complicated affair.

There is no use rigidly following principles. One has to make certain adjustments—a policy of give and take—to survive in English cricket.

Kapil Dev signed a two-year contract with Northamptonshire County Club last season and will have to honour it at all costs, irrespective of the developments that took place last February as regards the South African tour by the rebel English cricketers. Two of them will be playing for the side along with Kapil Dev.

As far as the Indian team's tour is concerned, the TCCB have assured the Indian Board that the rebels will not be played by the counties against them and they will not be included in the Tests,

though the rebels have gone to the court on this issue.

This arrangement, though a short-sighted one, suited the Indian Board to clear the tour of England. But when it comes to the rebels' turning out for their

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### By Sharad Kotnis

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counties, the Indian Board cannot dictate matters. An Indian team playing against the rebels and an Indian cricketer playing with the rebels in his individual capacity to earn a living with a county altogether two different situations.

Scores of West Indian cricketers are playing for different counties along with the rebels and their Board, which is

usually more militant as far as the South African problem is concerned, have not tried to stop their players because, if they did so, they would be trying to prevent them from earning their living.

The Indian Board, who is now trying to prevent Kapil Dev from playing for Northamptonshire, it seems, are not aware that the Indian team played against Alvin Kallicharran in the opening first class fixture of the current tour against Warwickshire.

Kallicharran defied the West Indies Board ban and accepted a coaching-cum-playing assignment in South Africa last season.

The Indian Board may opine that they are concerned only with the English rebels since the team is playing in England. That argument would not hold water. Principles cannot be compromised to suit one's requirement.



# Andy works—to open for England

By Henry Blofeld

**N**OW THAT Chris Tavare has made sure of his berth in the England side as an opener after his splendid knock of 99 for MCC against the Indians the selectors have to decide who will go in with him.

There are several candidates, one of whom must even be Mike Brearley who is batting as well now as he has ever done! But with not much to choose between any of the others, I believe they should go for a left hander.

After watching him make 87 against the Indians in their first match, I would like to see a chance given to Warwickshire's Andy Lloyd, who is opening for his county with Dennis Amiss.

Lloyd 25 made his debut for Warwickshire in 1977 and soon acquired a reputation as an attractive left hander who was always going for his strokes and at the same time giving the bowlers too much of a chance.

On his day he was an exciting player. But then, 18 months ago—helped by Amiss, who has had a big influence on him—Lloyd realised this was not the way to play.

If he was to have a long life in the first class game and stand a chance of winning an England cap, he needed to steady down and to make sure of occupying the crease for much longer.

Since making that decision, he has worked desperately hard at his game. He has already made an impressively consistent start to this season and has become a highly effective opener who plays the new ball well.

The risky slashing strokes have gone, although he never wastes the opportunity to put away the bad ball and he still keeps a handsome array of shots.

But the watchword for Andy's batting

now is concentration and he has shown that he has got what it takes. He has too a fine temperament.

England have not had a left-hander going in first since Alan Butcher's first and only Test to date—the fourth against India at the Oval in 1979.

Before him we had John Edrich and going back even further, Bob Barber, Geoff Puller and Peter Richardson.

There is a great advantage in having a right and left handed opening partnership. It can so easily unsettle the bowlers. For they have continually to change their line of delivery.

## Great compliment

I spoke to Warwickshire's cricket manager, former England fast bowler David Brown, and he paid Lloyd a great compliment when he said: "He is a bit like John Edrich."

Lloyd knows his own limitations, like Edrich, and plays to them. His method may not be all that pretty, but it works for him and he knows now that the longer he spends out there, the more attention he will attract.

I asked Lloyd about the dramatic change in his style of batting. "I've worked hard to cut out the more chancy aspects of my game."

Early in an innings, I used to blast away and I would try to squirt the ball square on the off side. This was all right when it came off, but I felt I was getting myself out too much.

So I looked at my game to see which strokes were getting me out the most. This made me change and it's worked for me.

Dennis Amiss told me I had to play tighter to stop losing my wicket in the

thirties. He was on at me to cut out the fancy shots.

Brown is sure that Lloyd is ready for Test cricket and I am convinced that he is worth a chance. Even if the selectors do not plunge him in right away, I hope they will have a look at him before the end of the summer with a view to Australia next winter.

Lloyd is a cheerful cricketer and a smile is never far away underneath the reddish fringe of hair. He would make a good tourist.

His only experience so far came when he went on the Derrick Robins tour to South America, which former England batsman Peter Parfitt and I managed. He played his best innings of the tour at the Hurlingham Club in Buenos Aires. He may not get the chance to repeat it!

Andy spent last winter playing league cricket and coaching multi-racial players in South Africa. My guess is that he has a fair chance of spending the next one playing for England in Australia.

## Barcelona triumphs

**B**ARCELONA, the Spaniards who took Spurs in the semifinal, won the European Cup Winners' Cup before 120,000 fans in their Noy Camp Stadium last week when they beat Belgium's Standard Liege 2-1.

But just as their White Hart Lane performance consisted of a succession of fouls—they had a man sent off and were fined £5,700 by UEFA—so the final was marred by rough play with five players booked and Standard's Walter Mecuws sent off seconds before the end.

The Spaniards, playing for a win bonus of around £4,000 each, were rocked when Standard took an eighth minute lead through Guy Vandermissen.

But Barcelona equalised against the run of play right on half-time when Danish striker Allan Simonsen out-jumped the defence to head home.

Veteran Spanish international Enrique Quini scored the winner in the 63rd minute from a Simonsen free-kick which Standard claimed was taken before West German referee Walter Eschweiler had given the go-ahead.

Eschweiler allowed the goal to stand despite protests from the Belgians.

## SPORTING SAM . . . . . by Reg Wootton



# Randall back in reckoning

By Henry Blofeld

**W**ITHOUT Kapil Dev and Dilip Doshi, their two best bowlers, India's attack was made to look extremely threadbare by some fine batting by the MCC on an excellent pitch at Lord's.

After Derek Randall had scored a century and Chris Tavara had been out for 99, the MCC declared at 319/4 and in the last fifty minutes the Indians made 28 for the loss of Parker's wicket.

In the circumstances, it was not particularly difficult to score runs but the main significance of the hundred which must have brought him back into the England side for the first Test.

Randall has played twenty-seven times for England, the last being nearly two-and-a-half years ago at Sydney in 1979-80.

At best, Randall was an in-and-out performer in Test cricket. He was brilliant at times as when he scored 174 in the centenary Test match in Melbourne in 1977 and at other times

he was highly determined as he was when he made 150 at Sydney in 1978-79.

But as his form abbed away over the last three years, Randall became increasingly jumpy and jittery at the crease and never stood still.

He was for some reason unable to take advice from older players although in 1981 he scored enough runs to be included in the England squad for the one-day Prudential Cup matches against Australia.

But his form did not last and he did not play a Test match and in the second half of the summer came close to losing his place in the Nottinghamshire side.

This was his made-or-break season for he is now 31 and he told me before the start that he was determined to get back into the England side and that he was now a different player.

On this evidence that is quite right.

There was a much greater sense of responsibility about his batting and he was far less jumpy at the crease.

All the old strokes were there and also the exciting improvisations, but while making them he looked much less risky. It will be wonderful to have him back in the England side, not least for his fielding and his humour.

The day began well for India when Geoff Cook after a quiet 45 minutes came forward to Madan Lal and was lbw playing across the line as the ball swung away from the bat. This may be Cook's last chance.

Randall now joined Chris Tavara who is being used as an opener in this game, and played the new ball pretty well. Being a tall player, he drove beautifully in the classical style and looked much more confident than a year ago.

He and Randall put on 166 and neither batsman was worried until, after square cutting Madan Lal for four to reach 99, Tavara went forward trying to run the ball to third man end and was caught at first slip.

## Millionaire

Mike Gatting did not last long being lbw pushing forward and playing no stroke at Madan Lal and his place was taken by David Gower who proceeded to bat like a millionaire adding 98 with Randall in a glorious exhibition of stroke play.

The Indian bowlers could not stop the flow of runs. None of the quick bowlers Madan Lal, Randhir Singh and Suru Nayak had the pace or the variety to worry the batsmen.

Once again Yadav showed that his control is still wanting and too often he allowed the batsmen to drive or cut. Maybe he will profit from having Doshi's example at the other end. The fielding was good with Ghulam Parker outstanding.

When India batted, Parker was out in the third over when he failed to pull out of the way of a lifter in time and was caught behind, but Pranab Roy and Dilip Vengsarkar who played one or two lovely drives stayed until the close.

On the second day the Indians struggled against the MCC seam bowlers in chilly, damp conditions and ended a day which rain and bad light shortened by just over three hours, at 178 for 8 in reply to MCC's 319 for 4 declared.

Only Dilip Vengsarkar was able to



*The innings of the match...Dilip Vengsarkar cuts Paul Allott to the boundary during his elegant knock of 96*



**Sandeep Patil hooks Derek Pringle only to be caught by Allott for 7. In the foreground is MCC's Geoff Cook**

transcend the conditions for any length of time and he played a splendid innings of 96 although Gundappa Viswanath also batted well for a time making 32

In short, it was the type of day which any cricketers who have been brought up on firm pitches in a hot country fear when they come to England. The ball swung and also moved around quite sharply off the seam. They were ideal conditions for seam bowlers.

Vengsarkar has always been a wonderfully elegant player and now in conditions which were more difficult than on the first day when MCC batted so well, he played the innings of the match.

He scored most of his runs with some glorious drives through the arc from mid-wicket to extra cover and like all class players He seemed to have more time than any of the others except Viswanath in which to play his strokes.

His footwork was good too, and for once he even outbatted Viswanath in their exciting third wicket stand of 66 Vengsarkar batted 196 minutes and hit eight fours.

Viswanath started by driving Graham Dillley, the most successful of the bowlers with four wickets, through cover off the backfoot with a magnificent stroke, but after that was not quite his usual self

These two had come together when, soon after the start, Pranob Roy fended a short ball from Dillley away to backward short leg where Geoff Cook held a quick catch up by his face.

The MCC and the Indians drew their match it always seemed they would after the loss of three hours to the weather on the third day

David Gower's declaration in MCC's second innings left India to score 266 in 195 minutes which was never a

realistic target and they were 143/4 at the end

India's last two wickets added just

## A doomed match

**Y**ORKSHIRE's match against the Indian touring team at Bradford was doomed long before bad light intervened in mid-afternoon and rain came to prevent any play after tea.

Yorkshire were set the stiff target of 288 in three hours, and openers Richard Lumb and Bill Athey had shown their opinion of the challenge by making 35 in 55 minutes before the weather took over.

Nail Hartley had declared 116 behind



**Kapil Dev...provided the only enterprising batting from the Indian side**

two runs in the morning and they were out for 180 giving MCC a lead of 139 and MCC then made 126/2 declared in their second innings.

India were given a patient start by Roy and Parkar, but at 27 Roy who had another poor match, was bowled hooking at one from Derek Pringle which did not get up as he expected.

Parkar then began to play some handsome strokes and it now looks very much as if he has established himself as Gavaskar's partner for the Test series.

He lost Malhotra at 79 when he played an off-break from Vic Marks off his toes to Geoff Miller at mid-wicket. Sandeep Patil then failed again and I feel that lack of concentration is his main problem.

He played back to the other offspinner, Miller, and was bowled. The only issue left was whether or not Parkar would reach a hundred.

When Geoff Cook came on almost at the end with his left arm slows he hit him for two fours and a six to take him to 92, but then in the same over he holed out to long on

in the hope that Sunny Gavaskar would respond. But although Ghulam Parkar and Ravi Shastri put on 58 for the first wicket in an hour, the only really enterprising Indian batting came from all-rounder Kapil Dev

He hit a 6 and two 4s in one over from Peter Whiteley, but after he was dismissed immediately after lunch, the Indians batted on to reach 171 for five before the declaration.

Earlier, the Indian bowlers had as unsuccessful a day against the Yorkshire batsmen as their Yorkshire counterparts had, but in awkward conditions for the English summer had at any rate temporarily departed and 125 minutes were lost.

In the cold and a slight rain, they all seemed to bowl well within themselves and Kevin Sharp, a twenty-year-old left hander talked about as an England prospect in these parts, made a delightful century.

He is a lovely, fluent strokemaker particularly off the front foot through the off-side and off his legs. He made the fourth century of his first-class career.

Sharp's problem is that he has a loose defence and is not over keen on genuine pace bowling, but he is an enthusiastic lad and has plenty of time to learn.

There was also a splendid innings of 61 not out from Bill Athey who has already played three times for England without any success, but looks to me to be technically speaking, about the best young player in the country.

# The Testing Years

— By B.B. Mama —

**T**HE second phase of India's Test history began in 1951-52 when Nigel Howard and Donald Carr brought an England team to India.

Vijay Hazare, on his debut as captain at Delhi, hit an unbeaten ton and India led by 215 runs on the first innings, but the Test was drawn. So also were the next two Tests at Bombay and Calcutta.

A familiar pattern set in when India lost the fourth Test at Kanpur, a low-scoring thriller, its aggregate of 557 runs for 32 wickets is still the lowest in 35 Tests played on Indian soil against England.

And so we come to India's silver jubilee Test at the Chepauk, Madras, which was to see India record a memorable first-ever Test win, and that too by an innings' margin, to square the rubber, thus ending a bleak run of 24 Tests without victory. Symbolically, King George VI died on the second day of the match, February 7, 1952, which was treated as a rest day as a mark of respect.

Vinoo Mankad simply demolished England with figures of 8 for 55 in the first innings and a match analysis of 12 for 108—both still India's best bowling figures in 64 Tests against England to date.

## Marathon

Four months later, India embarked on the 1952 tour of England. Though India lost the first three tests, with the fourth and final one at the Oval washed out, Vinoo Mankad immortalised himself with a marathon all-round performance—72 and 184 with the bat, 5 for 196 (off 73 overs) and 0 for 35 (off 24 overs) with the ball—in the second Test at Lord's.

Trueman the terrible took 8 for 31—England's best-ever against India—as the shell-shocked visiting team disintegrated for 58 all out in the third Test at Old Trafford.

Another four months later, the new nation of Pakistan came to Delhi to start its inaugural series, and Vinoo Mankad was again in the limelight. He pulverised Pakistan to bring India a second Test win, again by an innings' margin, returning figures of 8 for 52 in the first innings and a match aggregate of 13 for 131—both still the best bowling figures on either side in any of the 24 Tests so far played between India and Pakistan.

Though Pakistan hit back with stunning power in the very next Test at Lucknow to win by an innings, thanks to Fazal Mahmood (his 12 for 94 is still Pakistan's best in any Test so far against

India), India won the third Test at Bombay and then held Pakistan to draw in the next two Tests to clinch a first-ever rubber win against any country.

A month later, India embarked on a tour to the Caribbean. West Indies won 1-0 with 4 drawn, Everton Weekes following up his record 779 aggregate (average 111.28) in 1948-49 in India with a tally of 716 runs (average 102.28) in the 1952-53 home series—both still records for West Indies in any rubber, home and away, against India.

A couple of seasons later, in 1954-55, Vinoo Mankad led India on a sterile, drab tour of Pakistan, in which all five Tests ended in dreary stalemates.

In 1955-56, India had the satisfaction of recording a series win for the second



**Alan Davidson...his 12 for 124 in the 1959 Kanpur Test is still the highest aggregate for an Australian against India**

time in their Test annals when they easily overcame the feeble challenge of New Zealand who lost 0-2 with 3 drawn.

It was a run jamboree. As many as 16 centuries were recorded, 11 of them by India, including 3 double-hundreds. The climax came fittingly enough in the final Test at Madras when Vinoo Mankad and Pankaj Roy established a gargantuan opening stand of 413 runs—to this day a world record for the highest first wicket partnership by any country in all Test cricket—Mankad scoring 231, to this day the highest individual score by an Indian batsman in a Test.

Our next visitors were the Aussies. Though still haunted by what Jim Laker did to them in the English summer of '56, the Australians were strong enough to defeat India convincingly 2-0 with one drawn, Richie Benaud

showing the first glimmer of a glittering career ahead of him by taking 23 wickets at 16.86 and the great Ray Lindwall—now in the twilight of his career—12 wickets at 16.58.

A couple of seasons later, in 1958-59, there followed a dark period in India's Test history, when controversy and dissension threatened to tear apart the administrative cohesion (such as it was) of Indian cricket. This crisis came about when the West Indies team, under the captaincy of 'Gerry' Alexander, visited India.

The cricket world was then amazed by the unedifying spectacle of four different captains leading India in the five Tests—Polly Umrigar in the first at Bombay (drawn), Ghulam Ahmed in the second at Kanpur and the third at Calcutta (both lost), Vinoo Mankad in the fourth at Madras (also lost), and Hemu Adhikari in the fifth and mercifully the last at Delhi (drawn).

Before drawing a gentle veil over the unseemly goings-on in the corridors of power, let us record for posterity's sake the lion-hearted Subash Gupte's lone battles against the formidable Windies—22 wickets in the series, including his 9 for 102 in the first innings of the Kanpur Test—the best for India in any of the 43 Tests to date against West Indies. Rohan Kanhai hit 256 at Calcutta which is the highest-ever score to this day in any of the 112 Tests so far played on Indian soil by all countries.

## Dark Ages

The Dark Ages for India had obviously set in. India's 1959 tour of England which followed was a total disaster. We suffered the humiliation of losing all five Tests, the gloom relieved only by Abbas Ali Baig's Test debut hundred at Old Trafford, Nari Contractor's heroic batting at Lord's, and the sustained, steady bowling against odds of paceman Surendranath (16 wickets at 26.62) and spinner Subash Gupte (17 wickets at 34.64).

Four months later, Richie Benaud brought a strong Australian team on a full tour of India. When the Aussies won the first Test at Delhi by an innings with almost contemptuous ease, everyone expected and feared a whitewash in the series—a repeat of the English summer of '59.

But the second Test at Kanpur stunned the cricket world when the Aussies crashed to a ghastly defeat on a spin-top against the almost unplayable Jasu Patel, whose figures of 9 for 89 in the first innings and a match aggregate

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# A magnificent indoor stadium in circumference, the largest

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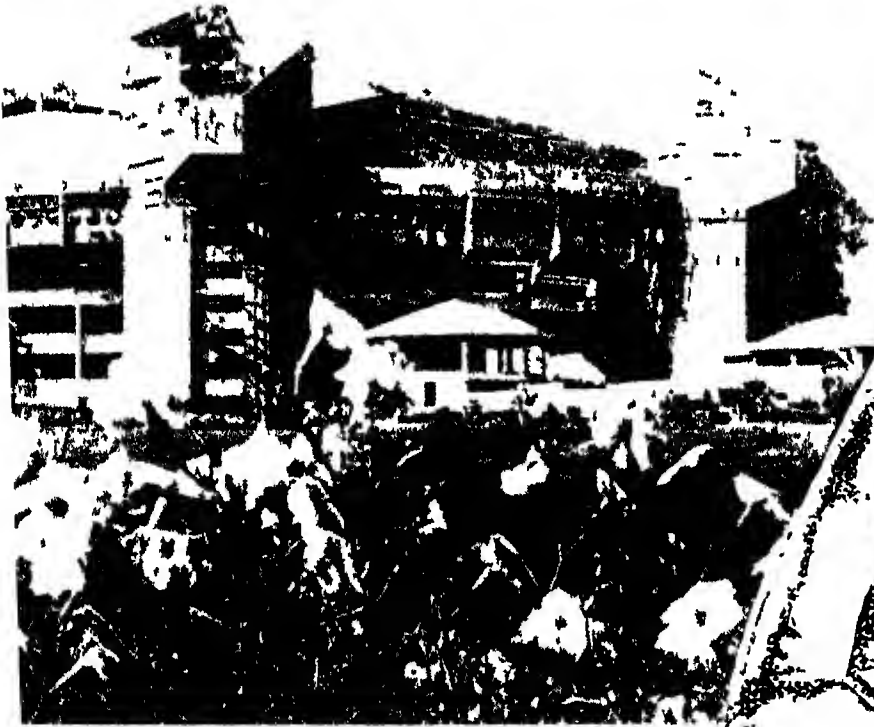
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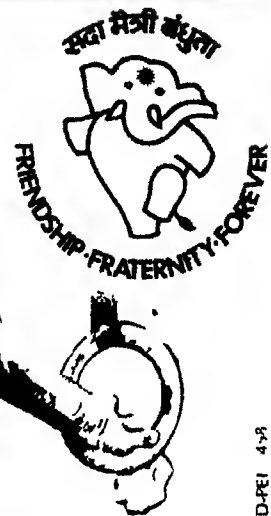
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# All about run outs

## PART THREE

**N**OWADAYS Australian batsmen like Graeme Wood and Allan Border have earned dubiously notorious reputations for adventurous running between wickets. They seem to be suffering from that funny cricket disease called runitis!

In fact Australia set up a striking record of run outs in the 1978-79 Ashes series Down Under. The total number of 12 run outs (10 by Australians, 2 by Englishmen) in the rubber is a series record in Test annals.

Furthermore, a truly remarkable record (unparalleled in Test history) was set up when at least one member of the three different opening pairs for Australia in this 6 Test rubber was run out in every Test!

This fate befell Gary Cosier in the first Test at Brisbane, Rick Darling in the second Test at Perth, Darling again in the third Test at Melbourne, Graeme Wood in the fourth Test at Sydney, Wood again in the fifth Test at Adelaide and Andrew Hilditt in the sixth Test at Sydney.

In addition, the other Aussie run-out victims were Allan Border (No. 6 in batting order) at Melbourne, Rodney Hogg (No. 8) and Alan Hurst (no. 11).

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of 14 for 124 are still the record for India in all Test cricket.

Let it also be recorded that the versatile Alan Davidson, bowling half pace off cutters, also took 12 for 124 in this traumatic Test, the best figure for Australia in any of the 39 Tests to date against India.

Australia drew the third Test at Bombay, cut India to ribbons in the fourth Test with a victory by an innings at Madras, and drew at Calcutta in the final Test to claim an absorbing series 2-1 with 2 drawn. Much of India's tarnished reputation had been redeemed against a team reckoned to be the unofficial world champions at that time.

In 1960-61 Pakistan visited India and once again all five Tests between the two countries were drawn. By the end of this timorous indecisive series, India had played 72 Tests, winning 6, losing 29 and drawing 37. India was slowly leaving the barren plains behind and climbing into the rugged foothills, on the long hard trail to the towering pinnacle.

In the next season (1961-62) the debonair Ted Dexter was to bring an England team out to India, and a great achievement was in the offing for India.

To be continued

both in the fourth Test at Sydney and Jim Higgs (No. 10) at Adelaide. The two England batsmen run out were Geoff Boycott at Brisbane and Bob Taylor at Adelaide.

All the same, in any story about run outs, no one can dare to leave out the name of Denis Compton, an all-time great as a touch artist of a player with an inimitable batting style, but a lousy runner between wickets! Though he himself was run out only thrice in his 116 completed Test innings, he made life very difficult for his quaking partner with his uncertain, unpredictable assessment of what constituted a safe run.

As Trevor Bailey (four run outs in his 77 completed innings) ruefully remarked, "His first call merely meant that he was prepared to open negotiations."

### Real 'character'

Yes, Denis was a real character. In 1947, that marvellous year when run flowed from Compton's blade in an unending stream, he aggravated a wartime injury when he twisted his right knee, a chip of bone worked loose, and he subsequently underwent a series of operations culminating in removal of the knee cap in 1955.

But Denis Compton remained ever ebullient, utterly irrepressible. No one of course will ever know how much this knee handicap contributed to the Compton style of play, and all the attendant hazards for his partner!

Never the most judicious runner between wickets, his notorious eccentricity in this field had at its highlight the running out of his brother Leslie on the occasion of the latter's benefit match.

However, it was in the twilight of his career, when approaching 40, that he condescended to take a run out during a county match for Middlesex against Northamptonshire at Lord's in May 1957, with hilarious results! During the previous decade, he had only once accepted the offer of a runner.

So, in a way, this was a historic moment. It was also an uproarious one, as Compton took an active part in the calling from square leg and armed spectators were regaled to the unforgettable sight of three batsmen vigorously running for dear life to end up in a turbulent tangle!

**RUN OUT FOR 99!** Any batsman would be justified in feeling that this is a fate worse than death! This dire calamity has descended on eight Test batsmen.

Two Englishmen, Mike Smith vs



**MI Jaisimha ran himself out for 99 after labouring for 505 minutes, one of the slowest Test innings on record.**

Pakistan at Lahore in 1961-62 and Graham Gooch vs Australia at Melbourne in 1979-80.

1. Australian—Bill Brown vs India at Melbourne in 1947-48 and Arthur Morris vs South Africa at Melbourne in 1952-53.

A West Indian—Rohan Kanhai vs India at Madras in 1958-59, just a fortnight after hitting that tremendous 256 at Calcutta which remains to this day the highest individual score by any batsman, a visiting player or an Indian, in a Test at any venue on Indian soil.

A New Zealander—John Beck vs South Africa at Cape Town in 1953-54. This run out dismissal is all the more galling because Beck is the only New Zealander to be dismissed for 99 in a Test!

An Indian—M.L. Jaisimha vs Pakistan at Kanpur in 1960-61—after labouring for 505 minutes trying to reach three figures, one of the slowest Test innings on record.

A Pakistani—Mushtaq Mohammad vs England at Karachi in 1972-73. This Test saw three batsmen dismissed for 99 (Majid Khan, Mushtaq and Dennis Amris)—a unique record in Test Cricket.

# Hail China!

— Special to SPORTSWEEK —

It sounds strictly like something out of Ripley's Believe It Or Not's. Down in the dumps one day, literally hovering on the brink of the dismal abyss of defeat up on Cloud Nine the next! And with the sort of gritty never say die team spirit fostered over years of frustration at being sidelined for reasons other than merit.

China's sensational 5-4 victory over Thomas Cup holders Indonesia was really something in the nature of a fairy tale. It was like a country's Davis Cup squad achieving the impossible of claiming the doubles and both the reverse singles after being down by two matches at the end of the first day!

Down one, three at the end of the first day and facing the grim prospect of facing a three times All England champion playing at his best the next day to say nothing of two doubles combinations considered among the strongest in the game today. With a veteran lion of a world record holder also sitting at the leash.

But China did it. Four matches in a row that tilted the balance totally the other way and a one-three deficit had been turned into an unbeatable 5-3 lead that made the final match of the tie meaningless. A fabulous performance in a tie worthy of being called the Match of the Century between two supremely powerful, evenly matched sides that are the best in the world today.

There is no doubt that the architect of China's victory was that little fighter par excellence that man with the iron temperament who only a month ago was being written off as a major challenger for the world's top spot. 25-year-old Han Jian.

It was his magnificent marathon of a 15-12, 11-15, 17-14 victory over the 1978-79 and 81 All England champion, Liem Swie King, Indonesia's ace in the hole that irrevocably turned the tide China's way.

It was that thrilling, chilling win that deadlocked the scores at 3-3 after Indonesia had taken that runaway 3-1 lead on the first day with badminton that showed the spectators craning the Royal Albert Hall, London, why the little South East Asian country had registered two hat-tricks of wins in the Thomas Cup competition and won the Cup seven times out of the last eight contests.

Indonesia had been counting on that match. Bookmakers are reported to

have offered big odds on King's winning that tie and indeed all his four matches. For with Christian Hadinata, King forms one of the more potent doubles combinations in the world. Christian does all the specialist manoeuvring with his genius at the paired game while King's job is to put his thunderbolt smash to best use from the back.



Han Jian turned the tide China's way

King did ultimately win the lion's share of the matches, three out of the four he was down to play. But it was that heart-rending extra points loss in the decider to Han Jian that cost his side the Thomas Cup.

A month ago Han Jian had reached a new low in performance by being roundly thrashed by the ultimate winner of the men's singles title at the All England, Morten Frost, Hansen of Denmark.

The Dane had conceded just four points per game in that quarter-final tie to the stocky Chineseman who had just about squeaked through the previous day in an hour-long brawl of a match versus Indonesia's Hastomo Arbi, not considered amongst the top five players in his country. Han had, as usual, kept his cool to win the decider narrowly.

But the Chinese ace had been unable to even stretch the in-form Dane and had been beaten in all departments of the game. His career graph that had taken a downward plunge after his

three consecutive defeats at the hands of India's Prakash Padukone last year reached its nadir after that match with Frost and there was speculation whether he would be replaced by Chen Tienlung for the vital Thomas Cup series.

But China persevered with the man who had hit a temporary lean trot. And what rich dividends it paid them! Han seems to have recovered all his aplomb, judging by his build-up for the finals with convincing victories over Danish opponents Jesper Helledie and Steen Fladberg in the China-Denmark Thomas Cup semifinal clash.

And on the first day of the tie against Indonesia, Han was the sole victor for his side with the easiest of 15-5, 15-7 wins over Lius Pongoh, who seemed to have ended an injury-ridden season by playing well against the English team in the Indonesia-England semifinal clash. But Pongoh turned out to be the rabbit—the main target of the Chinese, losing both his matches.

Things, however, looked bleak for the debutants to the competition on the first day when King easily downed the world's hardest hitter, Chen Changjie at 15-8, 15-13. The match took on practically the same pattern as had their quarter-final clash at Wembley just seven weeks earlier. For the entire first game and the first half of the second game, King was the total master, smothering Changjie's big smash and scoring often with well-placed hits of his own.

King had led 15-1, 9-0 at Wembley before making a series of mistakes to allow Changjie to creep up to 14 all. The Indonesia No. 1 had won at 17-16 in tension that was almost palpable. At the Albert Hall, too, he breezed through the opener at 15-8 and looked all set for victory when he was up 12-3 in the second. The World Games (Santa Clara 1981) singles winner then came storming back to 13-14 before King got the vital 15th ace to put his side one up.

After Han had brushed Pongoh aside 1981 All England champs Heryanto and Kartono took the court against Luan Jin and Lin Jiangli. China's No. 2 pair, Luan Jin might well have been asked to play four matches, like King did, considering the fact that his recent singles and doubles performances have been better than Han Jian's—the title at the London Masters last September and the runner-up berth in three games to Frost, Hansen at the All England.

But the Chinese wisely felt that Luan would do better in three matches rather than four and kept their trust in Han Jian for two singles. Perhaps it was King's tough three-game win in the doubles on the first day that led to his narrow defeat at Han's hands the next day. It is not easy to play four matches in that sort of company in the space of just two days!

To return to the story, Kartono and Heryanto had their hands full with Luan and Lin Jiangli, whom they had eased

## Thomas Cup review

out at 17-14, 17-16 at Wembley, less than two months ago. The tie went to three games, but the greater experience of the two Indonesians, and the fact that they are purely doubles players, pulled them through for a 15-8, 13-15, 15-9 triumph, Indonesia 2-1 up.

In the final match of the first day's play, Christian and King lived up to their reputation against China's play. Christian and King lived up to their reputation against China's top pair, Sun Zhian and Yao Ximing, the winners of the World Games at Santa Clara last May. The Indonesians had played together during the last Thomas Cup series as well as the Bangkok 1978 Asian Games, and had an imposing record. They scored a hard-earned 15-10, 12-15, 15-8 win to put Indonesia in the driver's seat with a 3-1 tie lead.

Indonesia must have been as cock-a-hoop as China must have been down in the dumps. For, in the first match the next day, 3 year old Rudy Hartono, reigning world champion (he won the title from King at Jakarta in 1980) and holder of the world record of eight singles wins at the All-England, was to take on the bandy-legged Luan Jin. Hartono, who came twice out of retirement in the service of his country, was favoured to pip Luan in two games.

The Chinaman made sure of at least a decider when he took the first game at 15-9. He then seemed to throw in the towel in the second game, to preserve his energies for the decider—a similar thing to what he had done at Wembley in the final against Frost.

While Frost had proved too strong and fit in that brutally physical All-England final, Luan took the advantage of his decade in age over the old Indonesian war horse, to grab the third game at 15-9. China 2-3 down.

Then came the match of the tie, with Han Jian levelling the scores for his country with that tremendous win over King. It broke the Indonesian morale as nothing could have done. Had they won that tie, the Thomas Cup would have been theirs, for King and Christian would certainly have been favourites to score over Luan Jin and Lin Jiangli.

There must have been spine-tingling suspense at 14 all in the decider, with so much evidently on the result of the match. Han's iron will won through, to help him preserve his team's honour.

The excitement was, however, far from over. Chen Changjie gave his team's supporters several near-heart attacks by being down by game point against the diminutive Pongoh. The broad-shouldered Chinese No. 3, however, scraped through that game at 18-17, and was thereafter in full cry, for a 15-2 verdict. Tie scores 4-3 to China, with the nation on the threshold of making history.

And they achieved that distinction when Sun Zhian and Yao Ximing repeated their World Games triumph over Kartono and Hervanto with only

the first game being tightly contested. China won 17-14, 3-15, 15-1, to take the tie 5-3. Christian and King reduced the margin to a wafer-thin 4-5, but it could not change the destination of the coveted Thomas Cup, which was booked for its maiden voyage to Beijing.

How powerful the two sides really were could be judged from their semifinal scores. Denmark, without the services of Frost Hansen, sidelined by a dispute with Carltons over the rackets he should be using as per his contract (recounted in SPORTSWEEK dated 16.5.82) were no match for the Chinese, managing to win just one doubles encounter.

Delfs and Staen Skovgaard are reported to have used the controversial reverse spin service (which has been banned with effect from 1st September 1982) to snatch Denmark's consolation win. The Danes, it will be recalled, had been Cup finalists in 1979, being thrashed 9-0 by Indonesia at Jakarta.



**Liem Swie King...won the lion's share of the matches for Indonesia**

In the other penultimate round tie, hosts England were beaten, equally easily by the Indonesian machine. The lone consolation for the losers had been the robust showing of their new national champion, tall left-hander Stephen Baddeley, who took a game off Liem Swie King on the first day. Indonesia clinched the tie at 5-0 in the very first clash of the second day when young Nicky Yates was smashed off the court by King at 15-2, 15-5.

Earlier, Denmark as expected had their hands full when edging out Japan by a 5-4 margin. Delfs' two victories on the second day, especially the one in the third singles over Masao Tsuchida, provided the impetus to the Danish team to go through after scores had been deadlocked at 2-all on the first day.

Two singles wins by the Japan No.1,

Kinji Zeniya, proved of no avail for his team as he did not get the requisite support from the No.2 singles player Hasegawa, the country's new national champion. Perhaps left-handed Tsuchida in the No.2 slot would have been a better bet for the Japanese.

Similarly, England pipped Malaysia at 5-4 in a well-contested quarter-final, despite a good showing by the three Sidek brothers, Misbun, Razif and Jalaini. Saw Swee Leong, the second singles for Malaysia, proved easy meat for both Englishmen Yates and Baddeley, while Misbun and Ong Teong Boon fumbled in the vital doubles tie.

These matches were, of course, of minor interest, since none of the other countries could hope to match the all-round strength of the two giants, China and Indonesia. But the closeness of the tussle in both quarter-finals helped keep interest in each tie at fever-pitch, and proved good backing-ground for the build-up leading to the 'Match of the Century' between the two badminton super-powers.

And so, Indonesia have missed the

boat—narrowly, it is true, but definitely. It was their last opportunity to salvage their position as the world's top badminton nation, after their series of debacles at the hands of the newcomers to international badminton.

They came close, but that was it. It was also a final farewell for Hartono—who will be 33 in two months' time; he announced his retirement from international competition, after his loss to Luan.

Considering the fact that Chinese women dominated Wembley so completely, winning both singles and doubles titles, and placing seven out of eight quarter-finalists in the singles, China will positively bag the Uber Cup, too, next year.

Hail, China, world's top badminton nation!

# The Chinese Cup of joy

**O**NE must hand it out to the Chinese. They enter the Thomas Cup for the first time and take home the cup!

Even a 1-3 deficit at the end of the first day did not deter them.

Nor the fact that they were playing the formidable Indonesians favourites to retain the title.

From the brink of defeat they rallied to a stunning success by taking four matches in a row.

This is not the first time the Chinese have made a winning debut in a world event.

Like the Japanese before them they took the table tennis world by storm and have virtually remained invincible ever since, building long successes by Hunan, among men and North Korea among women.

When they made their bow in the Asian Games at Teheran they proved themselves formidable in a number of events. And gave India a thrashing at both football and volleyball.

Only their hockey bow in the Asia Cup at Karachi was not in keeping with their record.

Even then they scored over established sides like Malaysia and Singapore and mounted the victory stand along with Pakistan and India.

The Chinese also provided enough evidence to show that they will be a force to reckon with before long.

They are also making considerable headway in other disciplines they had not known at all. Tennis for instance.

## Exploits

One cannot but be filled with admiration for the Chinese exploits in sport.

Here we are playing year after year for five decades and more and organising innumerable coaching camps and trips and showing little in return.

And the Chinese isolated behind the bamboo curtain and without the benefit of international competition take the world by storm.

In the process they have exploded most of our pet theories.

In particular they have demonstrated that constant competition at the international level is not a pre-requisite for success.

Rather, the prime requisite is the improvement of standards at home.

You can never make a hack into a thoroughbred, whatever the training, diet and opportunities for competition.

How do the Chinese produce thoroughbreds?

They are the most populous country on earth. Economically and otherwise they are not much better off than we are.

It will be easy to say that the Chinese sportsmen are afforded the best of facilities.

Even if this were true it can only account for part of their success.

The main reason is their total dedication to the cause.

Their sportsmen as well as coaches and officials work devotedly for long hours every day. Their successes are just rewards for their toil.

We may have the skill but not the application and the determination to succeed. Nor their ingenuity.

How many of our sportsmen are willing to train for eight hours a day?

Very few. The exceptions like Prakash Padukone and Sunil Gavaskar have shown the heights to which Indians can ascend. The lesson however is lost on us.

We are more engaged in fighting among ourselves and manoeuvring free trips abroad rather than promoting sport.

When the Chinese take to a sport millions of them play the game. They are thus able to turn out players of high quality in large numbers.

We produce at most one at a time.

We care little for our budding sportsmen and expect the champions to drop from the heavens as it were.

We keep committing the same mistakes and seldom learn from experience. Our vested interests are so strong that the national cause suffers.

We do not need the Chinese system but

we can certainly do with some of their dedication.

## An astonishing resignation

**I**t is astonishing that Ghulam Ahmed should have thought fit to resign from the selection committee of the Board of Control because of criticism over the composition of the Indian team for England.

Ghulam's explanation that he did so "in the heat of the moment" is ridiculous to say the least.

Ghulam has been long enough in the game as player, captain, Board secretary and selector to acquire some maturity.

If he had any major differences over selection he ought to have argued his case at the committee.

And once the decisions were taken, he ought to have stood by the committee as the players were chosen collectively.

By resigning because of criticism in certain quarters Ghulam has shown that he lacks the courage of his convictions.

Did he not realise the acute embarrassment he would cause to the Board, of which he has been a part by his mindless step?

Ghulam has since withdrawn his resignation reportedly after consulting some of his friends. He ought to have done the consultation before the resignation.

I wish the Board had accepted the resignation. Since he does not know how to shoulder his responsibilities Ghulam is no longer fit to carry on as a selector.

## Quotes

"I know that if my top players took a little less I could afford to give three or four prospects on the staff and give them a job and a bit of a hope for the future."

—Brian Clough  
Manager Nottingham Forest football team

"I have played in these championships on only one occasion and that was more than enough for me. I just don't have the temperament to put up with the attitude of the officials. They make you want to punch them on the nose."

—Elliot Teltcher,  
on Wimbledon tennis

"It is such a pity what is going on between our two countries. I am not under

any pressure from my homeland not to play, but things could take a dramatic turn at any moment now."

Ricardo Villa  
Argentina's soccer star who is now playing for Tottenham Spurs

"I didn't anticipate any trouble and even if there was I am certain that I would handle it. I would referee this game for nothing."

Referee Clive White  
on his refereeing the I A Cup final

"When it comes to karate high kicking, I am on the top of the world, and I didn't have any qualms at saying it."

—Vic Charles,  
England's Karate World Cup champion



## Coe off to a flier

**S**EB COE raced away to a real record-cracking start to the season at Cudworth, near Barnsley last week.

He won the Yorkshire 1,500 metres title in 3 min 39.1 sec—4.2 sec faster than his own six-year-old county championship record.

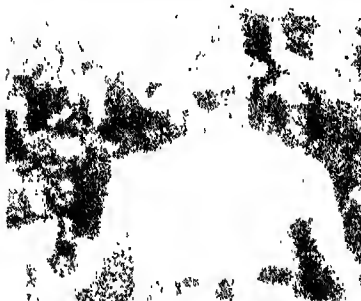
The slim Sheffield runner also proved he was bang on course to set his first world record of 1982—over 2,000 metres at Bordeaux on June 5.

After a lone battle through the cross-breeze, Coe, coughing from inhaling coal grit from the nearby colliery, told me: "It was a very good training run. I hadn't set the stall out for anything special."

**SYDNEY HULLS**

## Old firm back

**J**OHAN NEWCOMBE and Tony Roche, who won five Wimbledon titles together, team up again for this year's championships warm-up tournament at Bristol starting on June 14.



**Sebastian Coe**

They will be playing in the Over 35's event and—as at Bournemouth last month—the golden oldies are likely to prove the week's big attraction.

Newcombe, 37, and Roche, 37 last Monday, still play tennis to win, but have fun doing it.

Charlie Pasarell and Jaime Filliol, last year's Bristol Over-35 winners, Manuel Santana, Owen Davidson and Roger Taylor will also be competing for the £12,500 prize money, and younger big hitters, including Lewis and Frawley, shoot for £50,000 in the main Grand Prix event.

**IAN BARNES**

## Borg quits GP

**B**JORN BORG has withdrawn from all Grand Prix tennis tournaments for the rest of the year.

This announcement came after the Swedish star had dropped out of the Player's International tournament in Toronto.

"Any time you lose a player like Borg, who has done so much for the game, it is a disappointment," said tournament chairman, Lawrence Strong.

"But, with John McEnroe and Pater McNamara already entered and other top players expected, it certainly opens up the Championship to a number of players."

Borg took a five-month vacation from tennis during the winter and, when he returned, signed for only seven of 10 required Grand Prix tournaments, which meant he had to qualify for non-invitation events.

Borg earlier said he would not play at Wimbledon, which he won in five consecutive years before losing last year to McEnroe, nor in the French Open because he was being forced to qualify.

## Marsh makes his mark

**M**ARSH, for Knott—not Australia's Rodney but Kent's 21-year-old second eleven wicketkeeper Steven who made his championship debut at Dartford last week against Warwick and caught Dennis Amiss for starters.

Steven a member of the Kent staff for only six weeks, got his chance because Knott's wife Jan was in hospital after a stomach operation.

"I can hardly believe it", he said. "I got a game against the University at Oxford a fortnight ago, but I never thought I would get a championship game as quickly as this."

Kent have had a long line of great wicketkeepers and Marsh said: "It's a privilege to play for the side after them."

Manager Brian Luckhurst said: "I think the boy has the potential to become a first class cricketer and we're fortunate enough to have another wicketkeeper with similar potential. Stuart Watarton, who has deputised for Knott, but is now at University."

When Kent fielded, Marsh soon claimed his first championship victim—former England batsman Amiss—with a diving catch down the leg-side of which any of Kent's great wicketkeepers would have been proud.



*Vijay Amritraj displays an oversize 30,000 dollars cheque he won in the men's final of the Gunze World Tennis Tournament in Kobe, Japan last week. Vijay beat Ivan Lendl in the semis and Sandy Mayer (retd.) in the final — AP*

# Colourful West Indies Men

I HAD missed the entire domestic season when I was away on the Australian trip.

But we were all looking forward to the coming season. India were having a spate of international visits. After two tours of the senior-most cricketing countries in the world, India decided to play hosts to a third cricketing nation.

Our visitors were the West Indies men. They proved to be a most colourful lot. They were a mixed bag of the white skinned and the so-called coloured cricketers. The cricket they provided however was universally bright and attractive.

Constantine regarded as their most zealous representative was the only one who had previously toured India in the thirties on a private visit. Another who had made headlines recently but did not make the trip was Frank Worrell. He was playing as a professional in the Lancashire League and it was reported that he and his cricket board could not come to an agreement about the financial terms.

Vijay Merchant was appointed captain for the Tests. But his old complaint of a groin strain had still not responded to treatment and he had to turn down the honour he so richly deserved. He never captained India in an official Test. Amarnath, who had led India so well 'down under', was the natural successor and he was duly appointed to the post.

But I seemed to have lost my form. On my home wicket at Baroda, I played against the tourists and failed twice in the match. I went to Delhi to participate in the first Test.

## Batsman's wicket

Ferozeshah Kotla ground is a batsman's wicket. Delhi was not cricket minded in the years before the war. Only a few hundred witnessed the top cricketers performing. But now the times have changed and since then Delhi always gets a full house.

Amarnath as the home captain spun the coin and asked the visiting skipper Goddard to call. But the reversed role did not turn out any better for our leader and he once again lost the toss.

Rangacheri had a deadly new ball spin in which he dismissed the first three West Indian batsmen, including the once fabulous Headley.

The West Indies recovered from the early reverses, thanks to Walcott, Weekes, Gomez and the bespectacled Christeni, each of whom registered a century. The visitors batted for full two days and still continued on the third morning. With only five hours play each

day with a drinks interval at every 45 minutes, this did not look to us the most positive way of trying for a win. The West Indies first innings ended for a huge 631.

India replied spiritedly and by the end of the third day we were 223 for 3. Ibrahim and Modi, both from Bombay played well to get their fifties.

Modi was now happily back after his enforced absence in the previous season. Throughout the series, Modi struck form and deservedly topped the aggregate for us. At stumps Amarnath was still in after completing his half century. I was batting with him.

Next morning both he and I were dismissed and we looked in trouble. But Adhikari came to our rescue with a fine rearguard action. He scored an unbeaten 114, as valuable and fighting a century you can hope to see. Still his effort was not enough to save the follow-on. We were all out for 454 at the stroke of 'stumps'.

We had to bat the whole of the last day to save the Test. We did exactly that. Try as the visitors did, they could only capture six of our wickets. We ended with a total of 220 for 6. But what about me? A lot was expected of me.

As I had failed in the first innings, I was due for a decent score. I scored only 7 and was then clean bowled by Christeni who was actually the reserve wicketkeeper but for once bowled his leg-breaks with devastating effect so far as I was concerned. Seeing me fail twice in the Test and for the fourth successive time against the guests, no wonder a number of cricket fans thought my Australian successes to be exaggerated.

I looked forward to the second Test in Bombay with growing confidence. On winning the toss, the West Indies batting showed the same pattern as in Delhi. They consolidated their position by batting till the third morning.

This time they lost only 6 wickets in amassing 629. Centuries by opener Ree and Weekes helped by others like Walcott, Cameron and Co. the West Indies found themselves in this happy

position. Notwithstanding the true wicket we collapsed. Both the openers were run out and Modi out to a 'Cowshot' for a single. I fared little better when Atkinson claimed me lbw for 26. We ended the day with just 150 for 6 and were in a real danger of defeat.

But in the second knock we recovered our poise. Modi, batting in his most fluent manner went on to complete his century.

Amarnath is by nature an aggressive batsman. But sensing the need of the hour he cut out all the flourish. At the other end I continued to get runs in fact much faster than the skipper and reached my first Test century in India.

At the close, Weekes came up to me and complimented me on my match saving display. A grand sportsman, Weekes, even tempered and mild mannered, became a tiger when he hunted for runs.

The third Test at Calcutta produced yet another draw. We dismissed our guests for 366, which looked a modest total after their 600 odd in the earlier Tests. Our reply was upto a stage quite promising. At one stage we were 204 for the loss of only 2 wickets.

But the new ball taken at this stage once again proved to be our undoing. With the conditions at the Eden Gardens helping the pace and swing bowlers in the early hours of play, India's final tally of 273 tells its own tale. Mushtaq Ali recalled to the Test side after a long absence made an audacious fifty. Modi, the consistent scored 80 and I gathered 59.

Weekes got his second century in the Test and Walcott rushed with his own hundred. Weekes thus established a Test record of 5 successive centuries. He was largely aided by the most sporting gesture of his teammate Ree. When they were batting together, Weekes called his partner for a run which they took. In the meanwhile one of the substitute fielders broke the wicket but the batsman was home.

Thinking that there could be another  
Overleaf

## SPORTING SAM . . . . . by Reg Wootton



## A Long Innings

run, Weekes advanced down the wicket. But Rae was sure that there was no run in it. As Weekes would certainly be run out in the attempt, Rae gallantly sacrificed his wicket. My direct throw succeeded in breaking the wicket.

Declaring their second innings for the loss of 9 wickets, the West Indies challenged us to make 431 runs in less than 7 hours.

Considering all this, I feel that skipper's instructions to stick it if we could, were perfectly right and logical. With more time at our disposal we could have gone for the runs. But we decided to play safe. Mushtaq Ali, normally an ebullient batsman curbed his flair for attacking and played sensibly.

He was richly rewarded with a century. Modi and I made the second century stand in the Test together. Once again when set for a hundred Modi was unlucky to be dismissed in the 80's—Amarnath and I carried on the work and when the Test petered out to an inevitable draw, India's score was 325 for 3. I remained not out with 58 and the captain with 34.

### Driver's seat

To Madras, down south for the fourth Test towards the end of Pongal festival. The first day's play put the tourists in the driver's seat. Batting first, the fourth time running in the series, the West Indies were 315 for the loss of only one of their openers.

Continuing on the same mood, the visitors sailed towards a large first innings score of 582. The stylish Stollmeyer made an elegant century. Weekes, the scourge of our attack was well on the way to yet another hundred. Luckily he 'failed'—when he was run out for 90!

Most West Indies batsmen fell in attempting to hook the bouncers generously fed by Dattu Phadkar. He got a rich haul of 7 wickets but his tactics, obviously under instructions from the captain paid for a while.

I was one of the few to fall to spinners. I tried to send the slow bowler Ferguson through the covers, but hit him uppishly yet fairly low down. Goddard brought off a superb diving catch which led to my dismissal.

Our faces must have looked equally

ugly when we were bundled out for 245. Once more a follow on was our lot.

But our guests got a welcome (for them) respite, Mahatma Gandhi's first death anniversary fell on the penultimate day of the Test. The next day the visiting fast men were fresh and itching to go.

They bowled with a telling effect and for the second time in the match we were out for a small total. In this innings we made just 144. I managed to stay for quite a long time to get 52 but it was a solo effort and we conceded defeat and the lead to our opponents in the series.

Normally a victorious side becomes a confident one and tries to dictate the terms to the enemy.

In the fifth and the final Test to follow, the West Indies had decided that they would not lose on any account. Their tactics throughout the Test clearly indicated their defensive and match saving approach. At no time did they attempt to force a win.

Donning the gloves, Amarnath himself went behind the wickets and did an excellent job throughout. I wonder what we could have done without such a versatile man! He held 5 catches in the Test.

Our response was equally lack-luster and realised only 193. I top scored with 40. It was not one of my best efforts, being chancy and unsure. Modi came next with 33. We lagged behind by 93 runs.

The pattern of the batting by the West Indies showed no change from that in the initial essay. This time they totalled 267.

The real drama was to start now. We were asked to make 361 runs in near about 400 minutes, surely a reasonable target and well within our capacity, if all went well. But it did not. Both the openers fell early. This infuriated the skipper. He promoted himself in the batting order and what an innings he played!

But a beauty from Atkinson got past his defence. His 39 was a gem of an innings. In retrospect I feel that if he had come in at his usual number 5, it would have helped the side to make an all out try for a victory.

On the other hand, the opponents were out to thwart us in our attempt. Their tactics were obvious. Their

pacemen started bowling well outside the leg stump. These negative methods made quick scoring far from easy and we began to lag behind the time schedule.

The partnership between Modi and myself realised over a hundred runs. It was our fourth century stand in the series. In an attempt to speed up the scoring, Modi was out for a most courageous 86.

I completed my fifty and in the process became the first Indian to reach 1000 in Tests (in the 13th Test). But my objective was the opponents' total. I duly completed my century. Phadkar as usual proved reliable and he too tried attacking methods. Then an incident occurred which was to have a far reaching effect on the fate of the Test.

### A fix

I was hit in the lower part of my anatomy by a fast delivery from Jones. The blow prostrated me. I was in a fix. I could neither go back to the pavilion nor could I continue effectively. A little action by the gallant Phadkar albeit most unintentionally led to my own downfall. He called me for a run when he played Jones to a safe spot. But this brought me to face Jones. I had not recovered from my blow and was experiencing a great difficulty to stand. Jones bowled me for 122.

Mankad and Adhikari did not come off. But Bannerjee, playing in his only Test (he had made two tours to England without playing in a Test) defiantly hit a six. In an hour after tea we had to make 72 to win.

Finally with Sen, absent hurt and with Phadkar and Gulam Ahmed in as the last pair, a minute and half remained. One more ball of the over which was being bowled still remained and just 6 runs were needed for a sensational victory. A six off that ball could have settled the issue, failing which another full over was possible and any of the four results a distinct possibility.

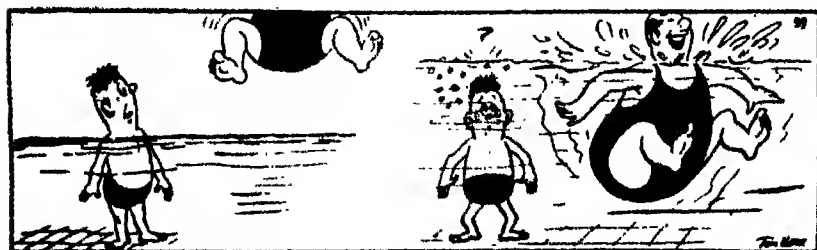
All that happened in a strange anticlimax and let down was that, the umpire suddenly ended the game before we knew what was happening. The Test ended in a draw. The West Indies had won the rubber by virtue of their solitary win at Madras.

To sum up, the West Indies won by their more consistent batting, and their better pace attack. Our spin bowlers bowled better but the wickets did not help them. The man who did all the difference was Weekes, with 4 hundreds and a Bradmanlike aggregate of 779.

The West Indies players were good mixers and friendly. They also gave praise where due. It was therefore surprising to see Walcott striking a discordant note. He watched Merchant at the nets and was duly impressed. Yet he wrote, 'A batsman can be one thing at the nets and quite another when actually playing'. Fancy anybody writing this about Merchant—a world class player!

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**IAN BOTHAM**, what's bugging him?  
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# Prasun Banerjee...Mohun Bagan and India linkman bidding for his third straight Asiad

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# SPORTSWEEK



SANDEEP PATIL...time for a little  
relaxation  
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# Holkar's second triumph

INDIA made their maiden visit to Australia in the 1947-48 season, extending from mid-October to end of February. This deprived some of the teams participating in the Ranji Trophy championship of important players and watered down their strength. It is thus relevant to have a look at the Indian contingent to Australia with reference to the team to which they belonged at home. L. Amarnath and Rai Singh (Southern Punjab), V.S. Hazare, H.R. Adhikari, Amri Elahi, Gul Mohamed, all from Baroda, J.K. Irani and G. Kishenchand, from Sind, V. Mankad (Gujarat), C.S. Nayudu and C.T. Sarwate from Holkar, D.G. Phadkar and K.M. Rangnekar from Bombay, C.R. Rangachari (Madras), M.S. Ranvirsinhji (Naywanagar), P. Sen (Bengal) and S.W. Sohoni (Maharashtra). Baroda was the most impoverished of them all.

Another factor which affected the championship was the partition of the country, which affected mostly the North and East Zones. Northern India and Southern Punjab went out of the competition while some of the players opted for Pakistan, which consisted of two sectors carved out of Bengal and Punjab. To cite an instance Fazel Mahmood, who had played for Northern India in 1946-47 and was chosen to tour Australia with the Indian team, opted for Pakistan and had to be substituted by C.R. Rangachari.

## Excellent outcricket

Holkar, who had won the championship for the first time in 1945-46, and had figured in the final in the following season, repeated their triumph to win the title for the second time. Mushtaq Ali, who scored his first double century in the championship with an aggregate of 407 runs, led the batting with the support of J.N. Bhaya (216), M.M. Jagdale (254), G.N. Kuzru (198) and C.K. Nayudu, the captain who in spite of his age made 190 runs. Though deprived of the penetration that the two leg-spinners C.S. Nayudu and C.T. Sarwate had provided because of their trip to Australia, left-arm medium-pacer Hiralal Gaikwad rose to the occasion, taking on the extra burden. With a bag of 29 wickets at the clinching average of 15.93 he was easily the outstanding bowler of the season. In particular he was in great form in the final bagging nine wickets. He was well supported by R.K. Vaide (15 wickets) and the captain himself, who claimed 14 batsmen. One important factor was Holkar's excellent outcricket.

A striking point about Holkar's second championship triumph was their outright victories in everyone of their matches. They beat Bengal by 128 runs and United Provinces by an innings and

233 runs in the East Zone final; their triumph against Delhi in the semifinal was again by an innings and 130 runs and in the final they beat Bombay by nine wickets.

Holkar scored only moderately, 212 and 267—M.M. Jagdale was unfortunate to miss the hundred in the second innings by four runs—and it was their bowling that settled the issue in their favour. Gaikwad and C.K. Nayudu skittled out Bengal for 95 runs in the first innings, taking five for 54 and four for 33. Bengal made 256 in the second, 156 of these coming from young Pankaj Roy, who scored an excellent 106 and C. Garbis, who made 50. Gaikwad got another three wickets for 88 but had to play second fiddle to R.K. Vaide, who got five for 37. However, the best bowling of the match came from S. Banerjee, the Bengal fast bowler in Holkar's second innings. He was in brilliant form to take seven for 50.

## Glorious form

Holkar then outplayed United Provinces, who had beaten Bihar by eight wickets in a low scoring match at Allahabad. Mushtaq Ali, an entertainer always, touched glorious form to score 233 runs of Holkar's total of 485. One could have not asked for a better exhibition of batting than what was revealed when he and C.K. were together, hammering 215 runs for the fourth wicket. C.K. was unlucky to miss the hundred by two runs. Mushtaq Ali hit 27 fours. After their stand was broken left arm spinner V.W. Shah and E. Alexander, the seamer, brought the innings to a swift close. They got four wicket each for 139 and 114 runs. United Provinces replied with 164 thanks to a dogged unbeaten 90 by S.M. Mazhar and in the follow on collapsed for 88 runs. Gaikwad, who had two for 65 in the first innings, got five for 30.

Delhi, who had defeated Rajputana—they had a re-entry in the only North Zone match by an innings and 44 runs, thanks to the clinching bowling of medium-paced Granchand—six for 26 and four for 46—found Holkar too hot for their pace. Vaide and Gaikwad, sharing eight wickets equally, dismissed Delhi for 187; the other two were taken by C.K. Only former Sind player G. Kishenchand resisted their bowling with a 68-run knock. Bhaya emerged at the top of the Holkar batting, which was throughout steady, with 107 runs. He and G.N. Kuzru (65) added 121 for the seventh wicket. Holkar worked themselves up for a total of 498 runs. Delhi fell for 181 runs in the second innings, this time against the bowling of Jagdale, who got four for 51. Again Kishenchand batted well for 45 runs while skipper Jaswant Singh was unbeaten with 52. Vijay Merchant, who had to decline

the invitation to tour Australia on grounds of physical fitness, did not turn up for Bombay for the same reason. Nor were Rangnekar and Dattu Phadkar, both away in Australia, available. Still Bombay mowed down Sind and Maharashtra as much by the weight of their batting strength as by their penetrative bowling. K.C. Ibrahim, who led the team, was in top form in both these matches, scoring 144 and 100 runs. Uday Merchant (96) and young M.M. Dalvi batted extremely well against Sind, while lower down the order C.R. Amladi scored 101. Ibrahim and Merchant put on 210 for the third wicket, the soundness of the former contrasting with the aggressiveness of the latter. Dalvi, who scored an unbeaten 150, and Amladi were involved in another 210 run stand for the eight. A heartening feature was both were making their debut in the competition. After declaring at 638 for eight, Raji and Terapore disposed of Sind for 128 runs, taking four wickets each for 36 and 24. When Sind followed on they fared badly with Ireni (four for 23) and Polly Umriger, six for 25, skittling them out for 57 runs.

## Three centuries

Besides Ibrahim there were three centuries when Bombay piled up a similar tall score, 632 for seven declared, against Maharashtra. P.J. Dickinson, the first Englishman to play for Bombay, distinguished himself by scoring 122 runs—not a blemishless knock—and adding 216 runs for the second wicket in 200 minutes. Dalvi followed up his excellent knock in his debut with another 143 runs in the process involving himself in two century stands with Ibrahim 106 for the fourth wicket end with Raji, who came up a 130-run knock, 216 for the fifth. Not satisfied with his contribution with the bat, Raji, assisted by Terapore, had Maharashtra dismissed for 200 and 294. Raji had match figures of eight for 153 while Terapore took five for 95 in the second.

However, Bombay found Kathiawar a hard nut to crack and had to take the verdict on their first innings lead. Bombay made 375—8 R. Ireni 109—but Kathiawar made a gallant attempt to overhurl this. As long as Bhawani-shenkar who scored a grand 129, was batting the issue was very much open but in the end they could make only 331 runs. The match ended in a draw with Kathiawar making 206 for two in reply to Bombay's second innings of 254 for five declared.

Bombay touched their peak again in the semifinal against Hyderabad, the South Zone winners. As much due to good batting as due to Hyderabad's poor

## Ranji Trophy Journey

cricket, Bombay raised the tall score of 652 to which Uday Merchant (217) and Ranji (170)—they made a record 380 for the fifth wicket—made the maximum contribution. Irani (70) and Mantri (72) also added 110 for the second wicket. Ghulam Ahmed set a new record of 85 overs in an innings and took three wickets for 208 runs. Hyderabad fell for 282 after Ashgar Ali (84) and Aibara (105) had added 166 for the fourth wicket. Aibara's knock stood out for its sparkling, blemishless strokeplay. Ghulam Guard, Bombay's new find and left-arm medium-paced, took three for 53, and when Hyderabad followed on touched even better form to dismiss them for 214 runs. Ashgar Ali scored 84. Guard took six for 46.

With the Indian team returning from Australia before the final, C.S. Nayudu and Sarwate, and Rangnekar and Phadkar returned to strengthen their respective sides. (Here I am forced to digress. As I finished the opening sentence of the piece, and switched on the Doordarshan casually, hoping to find that Karnataka would have dismissed Delhi well below their mammoth total of 705, as they had both Mohinder Amarnath and Madan Lal sent back before lunch on the final day (March 29) of the final at Ferozshah

Kotla ground, I was rooted to the TV as the drama of the final hour unfolded itself with Rakesh Shukle and young Rajesh Peter guiding Delhi to overhaul the Karnataka score and take the match on the first innings lead; and with that the trophy. Dr. Puri, the commentator at that great moment for Delhi, obviously moved by emotion had difficulty in finding words to describe the magnificent task that Delhi had completed. Only after the Neilbting last minutes were over could I resume this piece.)

Bombay batsmen could not adjust their technique to the matting wicket at Indore and were all out for 191 runs. C.K., the shrewd tactician, himself took three for 43 while Gaikwad and his brother C.S. claimed a similar number for 19 and 58 runs respectively. Spinners Tarapore and Rajji did well to contain Holkar for 361 runs. After losing both openers, Ishtiaq Ali and Sarwate, cheaply to Phadkar, Holkar batting steadied itself, with the best knock coming from C.S. He batted brightly to score 96. With Gaikwad maintaining his form and taking six wickets for 90 runs Bombay made only 261 runs which left Holkar only 91 runs to make for a win. They did this for the loss of one wicket.

"During the last four seasons Holkar have been figuring in the final," wrote

the Editor in Indian Cricket. "For such consistency of performance, they owe almost everything to the astute leadership of the veteran C.K. Nayudu. He has during the last few years built up a fine side, and it was their team-work more than even individual brilliance of some of the players that took Holkar to the top in the championship."

Baroda runners-up last season, failed to win even their first round West Zone tie against Kathiawar as they were a weakened team with four of their stalwarts away in Australia. In this match D. Narotom of Kathiawar (seven for 16 on a rain dampened pitch), Girdhari (six for 63 in the Baroda second innings) and Shinde, the Maharashtra leg-spinner with match bag of nine for 171, shone brightly.

## Quality

For the first time since the start of the championship Maharashtra were without the fatherly as well as expert guidance of Prof Deodhar. He was 54 years when he completed his last season (1946-47). In 31 innings he had scored 1533 runs, and the average of 52.86 speaks to the quality as well as to the consistency of his batting. His highest score of 246, was a historic effort against Bombay in 1941, when he also piloted Maharashtra to their first Ranji Trophy title triumph. "He never forgave himself. He never demanded more than he could give. And since he gave of himself so fully, he inspired his men to give of the best. He played the game in the royal tradition. Yet he brought to it a sense of commitment and nobility that made him a guiding force of the game. The best part of this grand old personality is that though a veteran of countless bitter contests on the field of play, he himself knows no bitterness." This excerpt from a tribute in the Indian Cricket to the venerable professor on his 82nd birthday is appropriate to round off Deodhar's role in the Ranji Trophy championship in its formative years.

Likewise two other grand figures, M.J. Gopalan and A.G. Ram Singh,— twin atlases who held aloft Madras cricket, as one fan put it— had called it a day at the end of 1946-47. Without them the Madras team appeared colourless. Record-wise Ram Singh has left a better mark-sheet in the championship but those who had seen both in action and those who had played with them realised that their strength to the team could not be measured in figures.

In the needle match of the South Zone between Madras and Hyderabad Aibara batted brilliantly scoring 105 and 78 while Ghulam Ahmed and K.S. Kannan put in outstanding performances with the ball. Kannan claimed nine Hyderabad second innings wickets for 50 runs and finished with a match tally of 10 for 77. Ghulam Ahmed took five for 28 and nine for 53 and was responsible for skittling out Madras for 88 and 92. Hyderabad had made 201 and 233. Hyderabad went on to beat C.P. & Berar, who had accounted for Mysore earlier, in the zone final.

## THE SPORTING LIFE



SHE MAY GET A LOT MORE PLAYING TIME,  
BUT I BET I GET A LOT MORE DATES!





## England: Champions 1966

**O**N the high ground of Belo Horizonte in Brazil in 1960, English football had sunk to the lowest result in its history: a 1-0 defeat at the untutored feet of a rag-tag team from the United States. Even Bill Jeffrey, the American manager, had predicted: 'We ain't got a chance against your boys, but we're gonna fight to keep down any cricket score.'

In those same terms, England, including such stars as Mannion, Mortensen, and Finney, got a 'duck' and, before the eyes of an incredulous world, lost to a headed goal by Geetjens, the Haitian centre-forward.

The ridicule to which that match exposed England was deeply felt by a serious, well-groomed full-back who had watched his forwards make a dreadful hash of every chance that came their way.

His name was Alf Ramsey, and he went on to create a reputation as a manager by shrewdly guiding the unfashionable Ipswich Town from the Third Division to the First Division championship.

Meanwhile, England had performed in three more World Cups without much distinction. It was to Ramsey that the Football Association eventually turned to restore England's prestige in world football.

He took the job on the one crucial condition that selection committees should be disbanded and that he, Ramsey, should be solely responsible for choosing his own teams. This right, now taken for granted, was denied to England managers for far too long.

For one so cautious, it appeared out of character for Ramsey to forecast quite unequivocally that England would win the World Cup in 1966. But he did so, even repeating it on the eve of the final with West Germany.

England did not have a promising start, however. They drew in a grim

# The last two of the Super Six

opening match with Uruguay, and needed a long-range drive from Bobby Charlton to beat Antonio Carbajal, the 37-year-old Mexican goalkeeper playing in his fifth World Cup. England went on to win 2-0, the same score by which they defeated France with goals from Roger Hunt.

Far more exciting events were taking place away from Wembley, at Middlesbrough, where the inscrutable North Koreans were taken to the hearts of fans. Even more so when Pak Doo Ik scored a winning goal that sent the mighty Italy home to the rough abuse of their scandalized supporters.

At Everton, Hungary's Florian Albert masterminded a 3-1 win over Brazil, admittedly without the injured Pele, in one of the finest World Cup matches ever seen.

Pele, returning for Brazil's final group match against Portugal, another 3-1 defeat, was so badly fouled he swore never to compete in a World Cup again. Happily for Brazil, he was to change his mind.

England's quarter-final against Argentina will always be remembered for the cynical, obstructive approach of the South Americans, culminating in Rattin, the Argentine captain, being sent off. It took him a good ten minutes to accept the decision, and the match itself seemed in danger.

It is largely forgotten now that the game also marked the entrance of Geoff Hurst into the World Cup. Hurst, who was to win himself a cherished place in World Cup history by becoming the only man to score a hat-trick in a final, was preferred to Jimmy Greaves, whose genius for the half-chance could never outweigh, for Ramsey, his reluctance to dampen his brow in the team cause.

Hurst, as it happened, made an instant impact by glancing a Martin Peters centre into the net just thirteen minutes from time to put England into the semifinals.

Elsewhere, Argentina were being made to look like innocent children by comparison with the behaviour of their neighbours from Uruguay, who had both Troche and Silva sent off in going down 4-0 to West Germany.

Meanwhile, the North Koreans continued to delight. They opened sensationally against Portugal, the

great Eusebio and all, by racing into a 3-0 lead. Had they known the science of self-protection, it would have been one of the results of the century. But Eusebio was stung into his most dangerous form, grabbing four goals, two from the penalty spot, in a remarkable 5-3 win for Portugal.

In his next match, however, Eusebio, the tournament's leading scorer, was shackled by the tenacious Nobby Stiles as Bobby Charlton, enjoying one of his finest games for England, scored twice in a 2-1 win, and gave England a place in the final.

Eusebio left the field in tears, a poignant figure. West Germany, who had disposed of Russia 2-1 in the other dour, ill-tempered semi-final, thus faced England at Wembley.

The course of history ran directly against West Germany, for in sixty-five years of trying, they had still failed to beat England. To make matters worse on the day, manager Helmut Schoen



*Alf Ramsey...England's manager who was knighted for his World Cup success*



## David Barnes

had a goalkeeping problem that he was unable to resolve to his liking.

Tilkowski had been proving suspect and had hurt a shoulder in the match against Russia. Schoen, however, had no choice but to play him because Sepp Maier, the young extrovert who was to become one of the world's soccer greats, was injured too.

Ramsay had his own more controversial selection dilemma, with Greaves desperate for a return for the final. But, sticking closely to his principles, Ramsay decided to favour the harder-running, sweat-stained Roger Hunt. For Hurst, by now, was irreplaceable. Ramsay had no worries about a defence which had conceded only one goal, Eusebio's semi-final penalty, in the whole tournament.

The tall, rugged Jack Charlton and the cool, polished Bobby Moore formed an ideal central partnership. Behind them was the supremely accomplished Banks in goal and in front they could rely on the busy, combative Stiles to sniff out danger before it broke.

Yet it was the West Germans who scored first, Heller seizing on a weak-headed clearance by full-back Wilson to shoot low into the net. The West Ham pair, Moore and Hurst, quickly repaired



Bobby Charlton...showing the strain of life at the top



Britain's best, the Wembley Stadium...the great 100,000 arena with the press box suspended from the roof

the damage, however, the one floating a free kick with a suddenness that caught the West Germans unaware and the other guiding a faultless header inside the post.

Another West Ham pair, this time Hurst and Peters, were responsible for the England breakthrough just twelve minutes from time when Hurst's shot ricocheted invitingly in the air for Peters to volley into the net.

Wembley was full of the sounds of an England victory, and no one suspected so near the end that the real drama was only just beginning. For West Germany launched one final attack Jack Charlton, his protests ignored, was judged to have fouled Held and, from the free kick, the ball was scrambled across to Weber, who slid in the equalizer.

The World Cup had been just a few seconds outside England's grasp and now it had tantalizingly floated away. It was the ultimate test of character for an England side which, happily for them, had been built on these lines.

## Man possessed

Alan Ball began to run even faster, cheating like a man possessed. And one such run gave him the space for a cross to Hurst ten minutes into extra time. Hurst spun to strike a shot, the ball crashed against the underside of the bar, hurtled down and bounced clear. Hunt had his hands in the air, triumphantly claiming the ball had crossed the line.

There was a heart-stopping hiatus while the referee consulted his linesmen—then England were 3-2 up. The goal will always be shrouded in controversy.

The T.V. film was inconclusive and, to this day, German tourists visit Wembley and ask groundsmen to point to the spot where the ball was supposed, fractionally, to have entered the net.

Still the West Germans would not give up. But their frantic search for an equalizer left them exposed. Settling off on a long lone trek for goal, Hurst thumped the rising left-foot drive that gave him his unique hat-trick and England the World Cup for the first and, so far, only time. Alf Ramsey was later awarded a knighthood for his achievement.

## Argentina: Champions 1978

**F**ORTY-EIGHT years after the first World Cup tournament in Uruguay, it returned very close to its birth-place—on the other side of the River Plate in Argentine. Argentina were the losing finalists in that first championship and had made no great impact since. Now, however, there was fanatical enthusiasm in the air.

If home crowds had shown themselves a marked influence on the results of previous World Cups, they were now to assume an almost decisive role.

The European visitor was staggered by the sounds of celebration in the packed streets that greeted every Argentine victory. Traffic came to a halt, car horns honked unendingly, and loudspeakers replayed commentaries of Argentine goals from upstairs windows. The stadiums themselves were obscured at times by tons of torn-up paper hurled into the air to provide a ticker-tape reception for Argentine heroes.

Yet the choice of Argentina was controversial. The country was in the tight grip of a military dictatorship which was acting ruthlessly in its battle against urban terrorism. Civil rights campaigners protested loudly against the World Cup going to Argentina, and others had their fears of violence heightened by a bomb explosion that killed one policeman and wounded another in the Buenos Aires Press Centre not long before the championship.

This followed the assassination of a general appointed by the government to head its World Cup organization. F.I.F.A., however, accepted Argentina's pledges of total security, and those pledges held good.

On the field, Argentina's football, characterized in the past by a sour emphasis on violence, had become more enlightened under the guidance of its hollow-cheeked, chain-smoking manager, Cesar Luis Menotti. He insisted on a fresh approach, harnessing the speed and free-running skills of his team to a more openly attacking style.

Menotti's first headache was to solve the problem that had always afflicted

the proper preparation of Argentine teams. Their stars had always tended to be lured from their homeland towards the rich rewards offered by European clubs, especially in Spain.

In 1978 Kempes, Babington, Heredia, Wolff, and Piazza were all playing for foreign clubs. Manotti decided to look largely to the men within his own borders, only Kempes finally making the trip home from Valencia. It was to prove a joyful return.

The opening match between West Germany and Poland in the River Plate Stadium gave F.I.F.A. a great deal to think about. It was a monumentally boring 0-0 draw, and a quick flick through recent history revealed that it was part of a pattern. For there had not been a goal in the opening match of a tournament since 1962; England and Uruguay, Mexico and Russia, Brazil and Yugoslavia, had all been involved in the duller encounters.

There seemed to be a strong case for playing all group games on the opening day, thereby reducing the pressure on two sides playing alone before the eyes of the world and after a long, emotional opening ceremony.

Argentina began by beating Hungary and France, both by 2-1. Many observers believe that the refereeing was weakly playing into the hands of the vast crowds, for in a match of ruthless

tackling by both teams, only the Hungarians, Torocsik and Nyilas, were sent off.

And the excellent French were sunk by a dubious penalty, while an apparently valid claim for one of their own was turned down. Nevertheless, the Argentine side, with the tall strikers Luque and Kempes, looked threatening.

Argentina's third game against Italy would decide which of the teams played the next round in Buenos Aires and which had to travel to Rosario. In the event, a Betterga goal disappointed the capital's legions of fans. Rosario, however, with its tight surrounds, produced a more intimidating atmosphere for foreigners and ushered Argentina excitedly into the final.

On the day their second round group was to be resolved, Argentina and Brazil, who had carefully drawn 0-0, faced a match each, goal difference was the vital factor.

Brazil beat Poland 3-1 in the afternoon, leaving Argentina the task of beating Peru in the evening by at least four goals to reach the final. The Brazilians protested in vain to F.I.F.A. that by plying second Argentina had been handed the solid advantage of knowing precisely what they had to do.

A clear four goals was a tall order, however. Yet, despite a promising

opening by Peru, whose winger Munante hit a post, Argentina swept them aside with a pulverizing 6-0 win. Peru's pathetic collapse prompted the suspicion that they had not given their all, and Brazil muttered darkly in the background.

Argentina thus faced Holland in the final. This side had never hit the heights of Dutch performances reached four years earlier in West Germany. They were without Cruyff in this tournament—he had consistently turned down entreaties from his country to play.

Holland survived a scare in the opening round against Scotland, actually led 3-1 before a 25-yard reply from winger Rep allowed Holland to breathe more easily.

Winger Willie Johnston was selected for a random dope test and failed it due to having taken a couple of mild pop pills. He claimed it was a practice he had followed in club games for West Bromwich Albion, so forcing the Football Association to introduce dope testing in the English League for the first time—without positive result.

## A furore

The Johnston case caused a furore. He was sent home in disgrace and the Scottish mood was hardly cheered by an appalling 1-1 draw with Iran's no-hopers.

Holland, having survived their scare, dominated their second round, accounting for Austria 6-1 and Italy 2-1 and drawing one of the tournament's best games 2-2 with West Germany. There were many who thought Holland had the strength and skill to become the first European side to win the World Cup in South America, and they came within the width of a goal post of doing so.

The final was marred before it started when Argentina, taking the field five minutes late, protested to the referee about a harmless arm bandage worn by Dutch winger Rene Van der Kerkhof. The match was in the grip of gamesmanship even before the kick-off. The Dutch did not behave particularly well either, committing their own share of the many fouls that littered a dramatic match.

Though Kempes had given Argentina a first-half lead, Holland gained control after the break and well deserved their equalizer, a headed goal by substitute Nanninga. In the very last minute, Holland saw the trophy flash before their eyes and then vanish when Rensenbrink strode through a helpless defence to crack the ball against the post.

Just as England had dredged up fresh reserves of energy for extra time in 1966, so Argentina now tilted the balance their way. Goals by Kempes and Bertoni turned the River Plate Stadium into a crazed whirl of festivity and the streets outside became scenes of bedlam barely conceivable in Europe.

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Passarella, the skipper is surrounded by his Argentinian teammates as he holds aloft the World Cup after their victory over Holland

# World Cup Soccer preliminaries

## Qualifying Competition

Group 1	P	W	D	L	F:A	Pts
Brazil	4	4	0	0	11:2	8
Paraguay	4	1	0	3	5:6	2
Venezuela	4	1	0	3	1:9	2

Group 2	P	W	D	L	F:A	Pts
Peru	4	2	2	0	8:2	6
Uruguay	4	1	2	1	5:3	4
Colombia	4	0	2	2	4:7	2

Group 3	P	W	D	L	F:A	Pts
Chile	4	3	1	0	8:0	7
Ecuador	4	1	1	2	2:5	3
Paraguay	4	1	0	3	3:6	2

## North and Central America Preliminary Round

### Northern Zone

	P	W	D	L	F:A	Pts
Canada	4	1	3	0	4:3	6
Mexico	4	1	2	1	5:5	4
USA	4	1	1	2	4:8	3

### Central Zone

	P	W	D	L	F:A	Pts
Honduras	4	3	2	1	18:5	12
El Salvador	4	3	2	1	12:5	12
Guatemala	4	3	3	2	10:2	9
Costa Rica	4	1	4	3	8:10	6
Panama	4	0	1	7	3:24	1

### Caribbean Zone

Extra Preliminary Round on a home and away basis Guyana beat Grenada 7:5 on aggregate

Group A	P	W	D	L	F:A	Pts
Cuba	4	3	1	0	7:0	7
Surinam	4	2	1	1	5:3	5
Guyana	4	2	0	2	8:9	4

## South America

Over 100 of the 180 countries entered teams in the 1982 World Cup. Only twenty-four teams could play in the finals in Spain. The teams were chosen in groups in the qualifying competition. Brazil, Peru, Uruguay, and Argentina - the holders of the 1978 trophy - automatically qualified for the finals.

The teams were geographically based to reduce the number of long-distance flights.

South America	7 entries	1 to qualify
North America	15 entries	2 to qualify
Europe	33 entries	13 to qualify
Asia	21 entries	1 to qualify
Africa	28 entries	2 to qualify
Oceania	108 entries	24 to qualify

Group B	P	W	D	L	F:A	Pts
Haiti	4	2	1	1	4:3	5
Venezuela	4	1	2	1	4:4	4
Trinidad & Tobago	4	1	1	2	1:3	3

	P	W	D	L	F:A	Pts
Honduras	4	3	1	0	8:1	7
El Salvador	4	2	1	1	2:1	5
Canada	4	1	3	0	6:5	5
Mexico	4	1	2	1	5:3	4
Cuba	4	1	2	1	4:8	4
Haiti	4	0	2	2	3:8	2

## Europe

Group 1	P	W	D	L	F:A	Pts
W. Germany	4	3	0	1	33:3	16
Austria	4	3	1	0	18:5	11
Bulgaria	4	4	1	2	11:10	9
Albania	4	1	0	7	4:22	2
Poland	4	1	0	7	4:27	2

Group 7	P	W	D	L	F:A	Pts
Poland	4	4	0	0	12:2	8
E. Germany	4	2	0	2	9:6	4
Haiti	4	0	0	4	2:15	0

Group 2	P	W	D	L	F:A	Pts
Belgium	4	3	1	0	12:9	11
France	4	3	0	1	20:8	10
USSR	4	4	2	2	17:11	10
Holland	4	4	1	3	11:7	9
Cyprus	4	0	0	4	4:29	0

Group 3	P	W	D	L	F:A	Pts
USSR	4	3	2	0	20:2	14
Czechoslovakia	4	4	2	2	18:8	10
Wales	4	4	2	2	12:7	10
Iceland	4	2	2	4	10:21	6
Turkey	4	0	0	4	1:22	0

Group 4	P	W	D	L	F:A	Pts
Hungary	4	4	2	2	13:8	10
England	4	4	1	3	13:9	9
Romania	4	2	4	2	5:5	8
Switzerland	4	2	3	3	9:12	7
Norway	4	2	2	4	8:15	6

Group 5	P	W	D	L	F:A	Pts
Yugoslavia	4	3	1	1	22:2	13
Italy	4	3	2	1	12:5	12
Denmark	4	4	0	4	14:11	8
Greece	4	3	1	4	16:13	7
Luxembourg	4	0	0	4	1:23	0



Team	P	W	D	L	F.A.	Pts
Scotland	4	3	1	0	4	11
N. Ireland	4	2	3	2	6	9
Sweden	4	3	2	3	7	8
Portugal	4	3	1	4	8	7
Israel	4	1	3	4	6	5

**Group C**  
**Final Round**  
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Team	P	W	D	L	F.A.	Pts
New Zealand	4	3	2	0	3	14
Australia	4	4	2	1	23	10
Indonesia	4	2	2	4	6	8
Taiwan	4	1	3	4	5	5
PR China	4	1	3	4	8	5

**Group D**  
 Final Round  
 Group D

Team	P	W	D	L	F.A.	Pts
South Africa	4	4	0	0	5	8
Yug	4	3	0	1	5	6
Spain	4	2	0	2	3	4
Belgium	4	1	3	3	1	2
Soviet	4	0	0	4	2	0

**Group E**  
 Final Round  
 Group E

Team	P	W	D	L	F.A.	Pts
Kuwait	3	3	0	0	12	9
South Korea	3	2	0	1	7	4
Malaysia	3	0	1	2	3	1
Thailand	3	0	1	2	3	1

**Group F**  
 Final Round  
 Group F

Team	P	W	D	L	F.A.	Pts
Kuwait	3	3	0	0	12	9
South Korea	3	2	0	1	7	4
Malaysia	3	0	1	2	3	1
Thailand	3	0	1	2	3	1

Team	P	W	D	L	F.A.	Pts
Kuwait	4	4	1	1	8	9
PR China	4	3	1	2	8	7
New Zealand	4	2	3	1	11	7
South Africa	4	0	1	5	4	1

Play-off match for second place  
 New Zealand 2 PR China 1



Group	First Round	Second Round	Third Round
Group A	Libya - withdraw Egypt	Algeria	Algeria
Group B	Algeria	Spain	Spain
Group C	Spain	Spain	Spain
Group D	Spain	Spain	Spain
Group E	Spain	Spain	Spain
Group F	Spain	Spain	Spain
Group G	Spain	Spain	Spain
Group H	Spain	Spain	Spain
Group I	Spain	Spain	Spain
Group J	Spain	Spain	Spain
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Group Q	Spain	Spain	Spain
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Group S	Spain	Spain	Spain
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Group U	Spain	Spain	Spain
Group V	Spain	Spain	Spain
Group W	Spain	Spain	Spain
Group X	Spain	Spain	Spain
Group Y	Spain	Spain	Spain
Group Z	Spain	Spain	Spain

# No new-look for the Seoul bound

**A** LOOK at the composition of the Indian team for the President Park Cup Football Tournament that starts at Seoul on June 5 the day India play Indonesia will help one understand the annoyance of some officials of the All India Football Federation at the non-reporting of Francis D Souza at the camp at Bangalore for picking the team.

The former international from Mohun Bagan who had played no mean role in the Calcutta club's successes in the Rovers Cup last year and the Federation Cup this year would have offset what could turn out to be a major drawback of the team. He would have made the right flank a potent weapon and given the attack better balance.

Francis perhaps is the forward best suited to operate in the four three three system that India played in the inaugural Nehru International Gold Cup in February at Calcutta and which they are likely to adopt as the basic pattern at Seoul as well as in future events and the Asian Games. He is at home on the wing, right and left as well as a striker in the middle. As he is gradually regaining the form that had made him stand out for Dempo in the seventies, he would have been a big asset.

But Francis did not report at Bangalore. Whether it was because he was not informed by his club as had been Joseph Machado by East Bengal before the camp in Bombay last October or whether some domestic reason prevented him from going back

to the camp is not known. Whatever the reason the AIFF is not pleased.

The coaches and technical directors who watched the recent Federation Cup at Calicut and picked four additions to the camp at Bangalore must be pleased that of the three who reported two have shaped well enough to make the team. The two are goalkeeper Brahmanand who was considered one of the automatic choices for the Asiad till he broke his arm in a clash with Rosario Antao in an exhibition match at Patna played by the Barrackpore camp probables in May last year and rugged stopper Anthony Rebello. While Brahmanand has worn India's colours before, Rebello has not.

The team for Seoul is largely the same as the ones that have been wearing the country's colours in various events since preparations for the Asian Games began. With the exception of Mihir Bose, practically the first eleven that did duty in the Nehru International have been chosen.

Bhaskar Ganguly was outstanding in the Nehru tournament in which he was made the captain for the first time. Sudip Chatterjee and Alok Mukherjee performed to expectations in deep defence while the midfield should be the better for the return of a fit Harjinder Singh. The Punjab star was India's best player in last year's Merdeka.

But like Prasun Banerjee and Prasanto Banerjee who played in the Nehru Gold Cup, Fareed and Ashok

Fadte, Harjinder also is more at home on the left side of the field.

This preponderance of left side players also is evident in attack. Xavier Pius did not show out when played on the right wing at Calcutta. Chandra Bahadur Thapa and Bidesh Bose may not fare any better on the right which would leave striker Biswajit Bhattacharjee as the only one happy on that side. But he is a striker and what we may need is one who can function on the right flank.

Perhaps the coaches and technical directors have pinned their faith on Compton Dutta overlapping and making the plays from the right. That was not consistent or effective at Calcutta.

The team for the President Park Cup

**Goal:** Bhaskar Ganguly (Bengal—captain) and Brahmanand (Goa). **Backs:** Compton Dutta (Maharajan), Bhattacharya, Sudip Chatterjee, Alok Mukherjee (all Bengal), Aslam Khan (Karnataka) and Anthony Rebello (Goa). **Midfield:** Prasun Banerjee, Prasanto Banerjee, Fareed (all Bengal), Harjinder Singh (Punjab, vice captain) and Ashok Fadte (Goa). **Forwards:** Shabbir Ali, Bidesh Bose, Biswajit Bhattacharya, Xavier Pius (all Bengal) and Chandra Bahadur Thapa (Services).

**Stand byes:** Atanu Bhattacharya (Railways), Shyamal Banerjee (Bengal), Pushparaj Kumar (Karnataka) and Manas Bhattacharya (Bengal).

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## Hoardings could lead to grave injury

**D**URING the recent Federation Cup at Calicut several players in their spirited chase after the ball ran the grave risk of serious injury by crashing into the hoardings put too close to the perimeter of the playing field. The hoardings were about seven to eight feet away from the touchlines and the goalposts and as such posed a danger to the players.

When this is what obtains in a tournament of the national body, the All India Football Federation, could one blame organisers of smaller events for being negligent in the observance of regulations and conventions laid down with the specific purpose of caring for the health of the participants?

Though Law 1, which deals with the field of play does not lay down the distances from the playing pitch of the fencing or hoardings, a decision of the International Board on the same law stipulates that a line be marked at least six metres from the corner flag through

a point at least three point five metres behind the intersection of the goalline with the line marking the goal area to a point at least six metres behind the goal posts beyond which alone the photographers can take up positions.

### Ruled out

The proximity of the hoardings to the goal posts at the Corporation Stadium at Calicut ruled out the observance of this International Board decision. Yet the All India Football Federation and the Kozhikode District Football Association who exhibited a desire to conduct clinics and seminars for referees so that they could be well up with the latest requirements of the game completely ignored the first principles of the Laws of the Game, the safety of the participants.

Even the referees made little fuss

about this serious shortcoming. Perhaps they were presented with a fait accompli when they reached Calicut and so did not want to cause any disruption of the tournament.

The men who should be held responsible are the AIFF officials, some of whom are quick to tread into and try to impose interpretations that do not exist in the guidelines issued during the World Cup by Federation Internationale de Football Association. The subsmissiveness of club and state officials perhaps has made them complacent, made them feel that no one would rise in protest.

It would have been interesting to observe reactions if some teams had declined to expose their players to the dangers. But none did, proof of the AIFF's correct reading of their affiliates. Individuals of some clubs and some referees privately raised this point. But officially none would.

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# Mahindras: a masterpiece of a victory

SIXTEEN tensed up youngsters hit the spheroid on to a tensed up goalkeeper's pads on the grassy quadrangle behind the stands of the Bombay Gymkhana, and putting them into their places was their coach and former player Michael Saldanha who just before the starting whistle, huddled his boys together for a hurried prayer and with determined look on their faces, Bombay's Mahindra and Mahindra trooped out on the green lawn to meet their old foes and holders Army Service Corps for the first time in the final of the 77th Aga Khan Hockey tournament last week.

And what a fantastic match it turned out to be! The packed Sunday crowd had something to shout about every minute of the game. And what made this final more spectacular was that the Jullundur team were trying for a grand double, against the very team that was vanquished by them in the recently-concluded Bombay Gold Cup hockey tourney. As for Mahindras, by their play in the first fifteen minutes of the game, they were determined not to fall prey to the speed and dexterity of the army men.

And with vengeance that surprised the holiday crowd they lifted the beautiful Aga Khan Trophy for the first time by rallying splendidly and overcoming the holders 3-1. Not since Western Railway in '68, has a Bombay team claimed the prestigious Cup. The army stranglehold on Bombay hockey was broken.

The hero of the day was, not

surprisingly, former World Cupper and skipper Francis D'Mello. With those reflexes that only he possesses, he restored parity off a rebound that came off ASC goalkeeper Achappa's pads after left-winger Reginald Pereira had taken a try off a long-corner by Marcellus Gomes. ASC had taken the lead in the 22nd minute, their dependable Daniel Turkey notching the goal off the second penalty corner with a drive that caught Michael Fernandes out of position and had the ball trickling over his pads into over the goalline.

Just before the breather, Francis D'Mello pulled Mahindras onto firmer ground by scoring the best possible goal one ever saw in the tournament. It was a goal out of the scrapbook of the past, a goal made possible only by the likes of past stalwarts. And his effort was so great, his movements so marvellous, that the thrills and cheers that echoed over the stands simply could not be described.

From the 25-yard line Francis darted in straight and swift and pushing onwards a perfect through laid by inside-left Nagesh Azad, veered slightly to the left and reversed flicked the ball home even as ASC custodian Achappa tried to foil him.

The punch that knocked the fight out of ASC was served by Marcellus Gomes

midway into the second-half off Francis D'Mello, the ball going off Achappa's pads.

Mahindras trek to the final was strewn with some luck and hardwork thrown together. Their quarter-final encounter against another local outfit Tate Sports Club, who had won the Aga Khan Trophy thrice consecutively in '51, '52, and '53, was most closely fought.

It could be said that this tie was between the two rival goalkeepers, Michael Fernandes of Mahindras and Diego D'Souza of Tate. More than a dozen attempts by the Bombay House lads were nipped in the bud by the enterprising Michael, while Diego answered back by proving to be a major obstacle in the Mahindras' line of attack. The best by Diego was when he saved a penalty stroke by Mahindras centre-forward Francis D'Mello whose angular push was acrobatically stopped.

Tate's went into the lead via international Kaushik, when he capped a brilliant solo in the eighth minute. Francis' abortive stroke, five minutes later had Mahindras hopes sagging. With time running out in the first session, Mahindras were graced with another 'stroke' award, this time Marcellus Gomes, the ebullient inside-right and a India probable making no mistake.

The second half was a fast session with positions being switched left to right by the Tate team, but the Mahindra defence stood hard and true and the same could be said of the Tate defence.



The smile of a hard-earned victory...the jubilant Mahindra team with the Aga Khan trophy which they won by beating holders ASC 3-1 in the final

## Aga Khan Hockey

which had marked out Marcellus and Francis to a tee.

Extra time too did not produce any results and the match extended to the tie-breaker where, with Michael Fernandes' superb saves, won the encounter 9-7.

Their match against Corps of Signals in the semifinal was one which was spiced with a little luck. The ninth-minute goal, a fantastic one by Francis D'Mello proved to be the match-winner. What was amazing was that the goal scored by Francis on the run was hit with one hand after Marcellus had done a marvellous job by dribbling past a horde of Signal defenders.

Signals, try as they might, could not penetrate the sturdy Mahindra defence, as after the goal, Mahindra fell into the defensive. But their ever dependable Marcellus Gomes was a veritable thorn in the Signals side as he harried them to no end, but goalkeeper Ramesh, who was also the skipper, held them at bay.

But the spectators were not optimistic about the victory as they knew the potential the Signals team had. They had earlier risen from the ashes to beat Central Railway 12-10 by the proverbial whisker in the replayed quarter-final.

With just six minutes to go for the final whistle, and Central Railway leading 3-0, nobody in their right mind would have envisaged a draw, forget a victory. But the Jullundur team did it! Three goals and they qualified for extra time and the tie-breaker which they won.

The replay was necessitated by the official time-keeper who blew the long whistle five minutes early when the Jullundur team were leading 4-3. A near riot took place where spectators invaded the field of play and surrounded Bombay Gymkhana secretary Rumi Poonawala.

That day was the day of errors when



**A giant at work...Mahindras skipper Francis D'Mello pushes the ball onto the onrushing ASC custodian G.K. Das's pads in the second session of the final**

international umpire Obaidulla penalised players at his own whims and fancies, accompanied by his colleague at the other end, Bawa.

ASC moved ahead into the semifinals when they beat Electrical and Mechanical Engineers by a later solitary goal, which came off Thimmaiah who shot a raaping drive while the EME defenders were appealing to the umpire for an infringement near their goalmouth.

In this match, it was the rival defenders that held sway. Moves from either side came by the dozen, Daniel Turkey and Vincent Lakra for ASC and Kusha and Nanjappa for EME shining for their respective teams.

As former Olympian and manager of Mahindra and Mahindra Walter said: "My boys are never unhappy with us. All facilities are provided for them and it is no surprise that they have now made me proud."

And proud he should be because two

players Somaiya and Joaquim Carvalho will be on National duty for the Champions Trophy at Holland, and if the talent spotters have removed blinkers by now, soon more will follow.

Metallurgical and Engineering Consultants, the team par excellence from Ranchi were certainly the favourites of the crowd. Their skipper and right-back Chonhas Dung was the main thorn in many an established side as with his superb reflexes and understanding, pulled MECON's play out of the ordinary to soaring heights.

These puny adivasi boys, if coached properly, could be one team that the talent-spotters can look forward too.

They met their Waterloo against giant-killers Army Service Corps in the third round, where they were beaten by one goal to three. Experience prevailed, as MECON could not contain the able tested players of the Jullundur team.

**DAVID D'SOUZA**



**The last nail in the coffin...Marcellus Gomes' shot rolls over goalkeeper Achappa's stick and into the goal. The Jullundur team can rush back to cover**

# Salute Shailaja Salokhe

## SALUTE Shailaja Salokhe

She had every reason to feel left out and frustrated. Yet, she has fought her way back into the Indian team for the Asian Table Tennis Championships in Jakarta.

One shudders to recall all that the Kolhapur girl has gone through in the last two years. First, an attack of jaundice which laid her low and sapped her stamina. Then, persecution by the Railways even after she had quit their service. Her entry for the Bangalore Nationals in January 1981, hung in the balance till a day before the event.

That doughty crusader and champion of lost causes, P. Matilal, who fought for

Mehta nor Vyoma Shah could provide adequate support to Indu.

Probably it was this reason that accounted for her recall. And Shailaja convincingly demonstrated her worth by finishing second to Indu in the trials at Patiala.

According to reports, Shailaja was mostly practising with the men as none of the girls barring, of course, Indu could provide her with much opposition.

So, Shailaja is far from finished as many had envisaged.

And by her fine come-back, she has set a fine example for all the youngsters who begin to sulk and accuse the selectors of favouritism the moment they are dropped from the team.

My only regret is that despite all the

combination India will field in the crucial doubles.

The Shailaja-Indu team, formidable some years ago, fared none too well in the World Championships last year. Ever since, a number of players have been paired with Indu, Vyoma being the most constant, but none with much success.

At the Commonwealth, the scratch combination of Kashmira Patel and Lakshmi Karanth exceeded expectations and gave adequate evidence of their ability to play doubles. Kashmira, however, was not called for the camp. In the event, Lakshmi, Karanth ought to have been triad out.

Since Monalisa is a left-hander like Indu, and since Snigdha Mehta has failed to click on the few occasions she has been experimented with, it is safe to presume that the old team of Indu and Shailaja will be doing duty again.

Whether Indu and Shailaja will be able to hit it off again remains to be seen. The doubles is a crucial match in women's team event and it is a pity that no conscious effort has been made to develop a sound combination.

The men's team is noteworthy for the inclusion of Tamil Nadu's 18-year-old Chandramouli. He proved his worth in the Commonwealth Championships when he beat Pakistan's Arif Nakuda, who had claimed all his three matches in Pakistan's first meeting with India.

Mouli was at once in my note-book but not that of the selectors. The visit by the Japanese should have been utilised to give him more experience at the international level. However, he was played only in the last "Test" at Madras.

This is how we fail to groom youngsters.

Now, for all you know, Mouli may be forced to sit on the bench at Jakarta and cheer his teammates.

According to reports, Hari had performed exceptionally well in the trials and finished second. Yet, he has only been named as a reserve.

Why Hari could not find favour is hard to understand. Clearly, the selectors did not want him to oust one of the established players like Manjit Dua or Manmeet.

This is the situation one gets into when trials are held and due weightage has also to be given to performances in the Nationals.

Far better it would be, therefore, to straightaway pick and train the team. Else, the trials should form the sole basis to judge current form.

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*Shailaja Salokhe...one shudders to recall all that the Kolhapur girl has gone through in the last two years*

the North Zone cricketers and wants to cleanse the Board of Cricket, the Indian Hockey Federation et al, could only hinder her, not help.

Finally, the most crushing blow of all, the Table Tennis Federation of India considered her as unworthy of being called for the training camps before selection as she was over 25.

The T.T.F.I. could get exemption from the government directive for Indu Puri, not for the equally redoubtable Shailajai.

At the last World Championships, it was Shailaja who won a match, not the national champion, Indu.

Had Shailaja been in, perhaps the women's team would have given a better account of itself than it did at the Commonwealth as neither Snigdha

coaching, training and match-play the youngsters have not yet been able to rise up to the level of Indu and Shailaja, both of whom are near-veterans. The future looks bleak, indeed.

It is also surprising not to find Lakshmi Karanth's name in the list. She had performed most impressively in the Commonwealth and deserved to be encouraged on that showing alone.

Monalisa Barua, who has again found favour, on the other hand, has had little to show for all her trips. The fact that she finished the runner-up at the last National seems to have weighed in her favour but then her poor international record should also have been taken into account.

With Shailaja's return and Vyoma Shah's exit, one wonders what

## Around the country

### Professional boxing comes to town

**A**FTER more than three decades at least Bombay got a taste of professional boxing. The show was put on by Iron Club, under the aegis of the Indian Boxing Commission, on May 13, the day declared by the World Boxing Council as International Boxing day and on which day was born one of the greatest heavyweights of the world, Joe Louis.

Understandably the promotion at the Bombay Y.M.C.A. Indoor Stadium was labelled the Joe Louis Boxing Gala Night and not surprisingly there was almost a capacity crowd of about 500 spectators.

Poor as the quality of performers and performances were it would not be right to write off the venture as an exercise in futility. Gavin Marciny, who is being trained by David Connors whom a few may recall was the coach of Buddy D'Souza, gave proceedings a rousing start by coming off the floor in the second round to score over P Muthu in the flyweight division.

Many will remember S. More, a very prominent Maharashtra pugilist until the last decade. This veteran, who weighed 42.50 kgs, hoped on his science to carry him through, but age



*D. Jayasekhar (TN) boxed into a corner by Karnataka's Saginathan in the Jr. lightweight bout which the latter won easily*

took its toll as he could do little to counter the power in the punch of Ravikumar of Karnataka.

There was plenty by way of appreciation for the efforts of the raw and inexperienced, like that of Bipin Seth, a former Bombay university champion, who could not cope with the wiles of Tamil Nadu's Sivakumar, but gained admiration with the way he continued despite thrice being sent down to the floor.

There was one Kenyan on the bill, James Ogwell, a student. Seemingly he

has done some boxing in Kenya but while he was not out of condition he was apparently not in form, and Gabriel John, who is working in a security firm, did enough to gain the light.

But will the enthusiasm be sustained? That is the question which can only be answered after the next professional show, which, according to the organisers, is going to be labelled the "Fali Billimoria Night" after one of India's leading professional boxers. It is expected to be held some time in August

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*Maharashtra's Suvarna Khandre and Varsha Kakadkar, winners of the women's doubles in the National Carrom Championships at Pune receive the trophy from chief guest Karamdikar*



*The best pupils stand proud with the officials in the recently concluded Cosmopolitan Recreation Centre's Colgate-Palmolive sponsored 12th All-India athletics and hockey coaching camp in Bombay*



*At the Khalsa College coaching camp, Bombay, chief coach Jaswant Singh coaches youngsters the basics of hockey*



**Sensei Viraj Majra** black-belt 3 dan under training at the Go Ju Kensha Karate Dojo of Japan. He is now the chief instructor and director of the Go Ju Kensha in India.



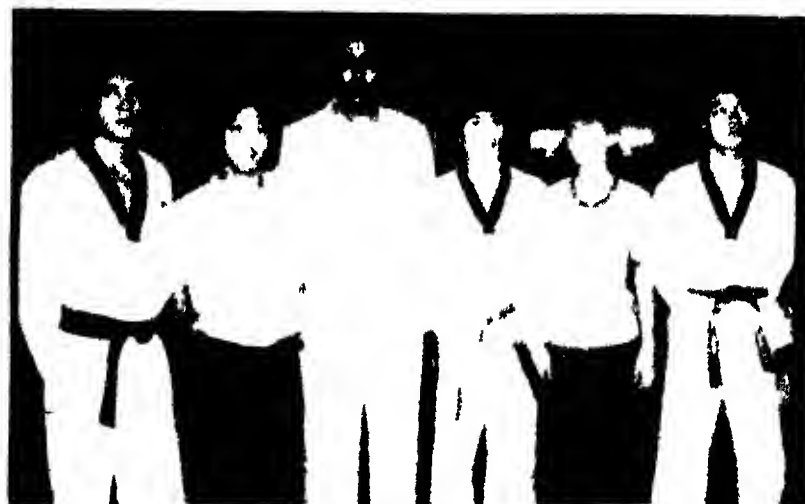
**Central Railway**, winners of the Bombay YMCA 2nd Suburban Invitation Basketball tournament. They beat State Bank of India in the final.



**TISCO 'A'** won the 7th Tata Inter-companies cricket tournament at Bombay recently.



**Mr. A W. Kanmadikar**, secretary, Cricket Control Board of India being introduced to the Municipal Corporation team before their match against Central Excise at Indore, recently.



**The five-member kick-boxers** from Singapore along with Sensei Viasy Kapadia demonstrated the fine art of kick-boxing at the Shanmukhananda Hall Bombay recently.

## Summer B'ball camp ends

**T**HE second summer basketball coaching camp for school children organised by the Taj group of hotels concluded at their home court recently in Bombay. Over 120 boys and girls from Central and North Bombay in the under 8 and under 17 group availed of the free coaching.

The trainees were imparted the basics of the game like dribbling, passing and shooting by National Institute of Sports (NIS) trained coach and chief coach of the Maharashtra State Council Mr. Aras.

The notable feature of the coaching camp was the installation of mini basketball posts on the court as most of the trainees in the camp were in the under 8 group.



# High noon for Higgins

**A**LEX HIGGINS met Steve Davis in a battle of honour last week.

The meeting between the new world snooker champion and the man he deposed was charged with an electric atmosphere.

It was supposed to be just a nine-frame exhibition between Higgins, the new world champ, and Davis—the young Londoner who won the title last year.

But it was quite clearly more of a high-noon confrontation for both men at the New Spectrum in Warrington.

Davis won the first frame and—although the electronic score board capitulated under the strain—Davis, we all knew, won by 90-22.

And Davis won the second frame.

Higgins spent most of the time watching as the former champion ran out by 38-29.

It was supposed to be a friendly match but there were few signs of frivolity and all the necessary ingredients of open conflict were there from the beginning.

Higgins arrived late. He had spent the day answering telephones and did not

By Alan Thompson

reach the auditorium until 10 minutes after the scheduled start, but it is my guess that these two will be meeting frequently throughout the year in challenge matches.

Their's is a very civilised late-20th

century version of a bare knuckle prize fight.

Higgins, who trail-blazed snooker to its present heights of popularity, is champion of the world again but he remains a Belfast-Mancunian seen by many as the provincial bumpkin.

He was fidgeting and jumpy, his eyes darting everywhere and releasing lashings of nervous energy with every movement. And every time he sat down he yawned.

Davis, suave and immaculate, has made more money than any other living from the game he has popularised.

He is the big city slicker from the crown of his red hair to the tip of his black shoes. He is none the less the ex-champion.

## Higgins—man of the people comes good

By ALAN BENNETT and MICHAEL GOUGE

**A**LEX HIGGINS took a long, cool drink—and a long, cool look at life.

For the first time in the last 17 tempestuous days he was beginning to look relaxed.

There was actually a smile on the thin, whipper-like face that dominated TV screen and newspaper pages during the World Professional Snooker Championships.

Higgins, who beat Ray Reardon 18-15 in a thrill-packed climax to take the title, had plenty to smile about.

"I'm a new man," he promised as he hugged his 17-month-old daughter Lauren.

"Winning the world crown is a turning point in my life.

"My hell-raising days are over. I've been a wild man in my time, but I'm

going to settle down and be a real solid citizen.

"I've come back from the wilderness. Now I want to go back into the clubs and be the people's champion."

It was in the clubs that Higgins, now 33, started out on the trail that took him to the top of the snooker world.

His career began when he used to knock a few balls around a snooker table in Belfast's Jampot club 15 years ago.

He realised he was good. He played a lot, hustled a lot, gambled even more. And his game improved.

By the time he was 22 he was world champion. Things were a little different then as Higgins beat John Spencer 37-32 in the Selly Oak British Legion.

Then the stormy part of his career began. He enjoyed playing for money and having a bet on the outcome—and he stayed up late playing and drinking.

There were many controversial incidents and Higgins made a reputation. He is now trying to live down.

He puts the change down to his wife Lynn and their daughter.

Lynn told me: "I think I might have given Alex a strength he may not have possessed. He needed someone to talk to as well as a wife.

But she insisted: "Alex is not an alcoholic and does not need a drink.

They were distressed by reports that drink problems had put him in hospital last year.

She said: "He had to go into hospital for some tests. He had lost a lot of

weight. He was terribly worried. He thought he had cancer.

"Fortunately, he was found to be suffering from exhaustion. It was as simple as that.

The effects of a caring wife and the difference his daughter made to his life all helped Higgins back into the frame of mind now in the world title again.

## Higgins: Happy and content

**A**LEX HIGGINS broke another record when he happily accepted the biggest final in the history of snooker, writes MICHAEL GOUGE.

Less than 24 hours after winning £25,000 and the world title, he was fined £1,000 by the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association—the players' union—for bringing the game into disrepute by telling spectators to "keep your treps shut" during a match.

He said: "I'm happy and I'm content. I will accept the decision of the WPBSA—I will abide by their findings."

Meanwhile, Ray Reardon, losing finalist in the world championship, is number one on the new ranking list with Higgins in second place. Steve Davis drops to fourth but the biggest shock is the relegation of Terry Griffiths—finalist in five major tournaments—from third to 14th.

**SNOOKER RANKINGS.**—1 R Reardon; 2 A Higgins; 3 C Thorburn; 4 S Davis; 5 E Charlton; 6 K. Stevens; 7 D Mountjoy; 8 David Taylor; 9 B Wurbeniuk; 10 J White; 11 P Mans; 12 J Spencer; 13 Dennis Taylor; 14 T Griffiths; 15 T Knowles; 16 W Thorne.



Don't let the tension get to you... you're only scored ONE so far.



**W**HATEVER other criticism there may be against the Bombay cricketers selected for the England tour, on one point there can be no fault found. As far as fielding goes, especially catching close to the wicket, some of the Bombay players are among the best in the team.

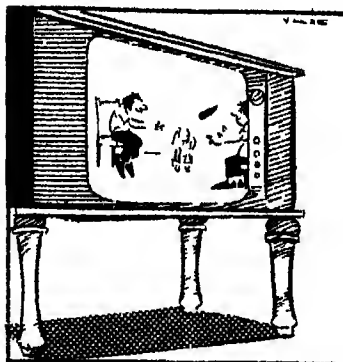
Sunil Gavaskar, the captain, who has been closely associated with the selection of these players was telling me about this shortly before the departure of the team.

'At least three of us, Sandeep Patil, Ravi Shastri and myself, have been having constant catching practice and have thus improved our reflexes,' he said.

'Nothing like constant practice to improve your reflexes,' I said.

Gavaskar continued "Sometimes, just before the start of play, we practice with a ball. Otherwise, most of the time, we practice with a Thums Up bottle."

"Interesting," I said. "Any particular reasons why you do it with a Thums Up bottle?"



Yes, several reasons, he said. For one thing, it is tricky catching a bottle. As I have always been telling Sandeep and Ravi, once you master the catching of a Thums Up bottle, you can catch a ball which is so much easier to get a grip of. Another reason, of course, is

that you get paid if you demonstrate on TV the catching of a Thums Up bottle. Nobody is going to pay you if you demonstrate the catching of an ordinary ball."

'I had not realised that,' I said. "Do you prefer catching an ordinary bottle of Thums Up or a chilled bottle?"

"Normally, we practice catching an ordinary bottle. But just before the England tour, knowing how cold it can get over there and how hard the ball hits you on a chilly day, leaving your hands and fingers numbed, we decided to practice with chilled bottles," Gavaskar said.

Very wise," I said. "Do you have any regular hours for practising the bottle catching?"

There is no fixed time as such, we practice as and when we can," Gavaskar said. "However, when we are in front of a camera, we make it a point to practice."

One more question, I said. "Could you tell me why the Delhi boys are bad at catching?"

wouldn't say they are bad," said Gavaskar. "Of course, they may not be as good as our Sandeep and Ravi, but that is because they have only Campa Cola bottles to practice with."



**Q** WHAT is the Test record of Derek Randall of England?

—Atul J. Amin, (Baroda-5)

**A** RANDALL has so far played in 27 Tests. In 45 innings, four times not out, he has aggregated 1,125 runs at an average of 27.43. He has hit up two centuries and six half-centuries with 174 against Australia as his highest score. Has held 18 catches.

**Q** HOW many wickets have been taken by Bishan Singh Bedi in all first class cricket?

—Rama Shanker Prasad, (Kankinara, Bengal)

**A** BEDI has an aggregate of 1,591 wickets at an average of 21.61, including 266 wickets in Tests at 28.71, 402 (14.91) in the Ranji Trophy, 496 (22.26) in English cricket, 52 (25.90) in the Duleep Trophy and 44 (27.95) in unofficial Tests.

**Q** HOW many Test centuries have been scored by Mike Smith and Cyril Washbrook of England and Seymour Nurse, Jack Holt, G.A. Gomez, Alan Rae and R.J. Christiani of the West Indies?

—A.V. Rao (Nagpur)

**A** MIKE SMITH three in 50 Tests. Washbrook Six in 37. Nurse Six in 29. Holt Two in 17. Gomez One in 29. Rae Four in 15. Christiani One in 22.

**Q** IN which Test did Tony Graveney lead England?

—Dr B. Parida (Orissa)

**A** GRAVENEY led England in the fourth Test against Australia at Headingley in 1968. He was deputising for the injured Colin Cowdrey but his own fitness was in doubt till the morning of the Test because of a deep wound in the hand. Interestingly, Australian skipper Bill Lawry was also on the injured list and Barry Jarman led the side instead.

**Q** WHAT is the date of birth of West Indian star Viv Richards?

—A.C. Dilli Babu (Bombay 78)

**A** MARCH 7, 1952

**Q** WHAT does 'D' stand for in Karsan D. Ghavri?

—Joydeep Ghose (Calcutta 20)

**A** DEVJIBHAI

**Q** HAS Prakash Padukone ever lost his National title?

T. Sundarajan (Bangalore 11)

**A** YES, he was beaten by Syed Modi at the Vijayawada Nationals last year.

**Q** WHAT is boxing in athletics?

K.S. Rajan, (INS Mandovi Goa)

**A** ATHLETES are boxed when they get tightly bunched together.

**Q** HOW many Queens are possible in a game of chess? What happens when a pawn reaches the position of a rook, knight or bishop?

—Devang D. Desai (Anand Gujarat)

**A** TECHNICALLY, nine Queens are possible. When a pawn reaches the last square, one has the option of converting it into any piece of his choice: Queen, bishop, rook or knight and there are eight pawns.





THE four players who advanced to Inter Zonal from Zone 4 (USSR) tournament at Jerevan were Jusupov 10½ 15 Psachis and Tukmakov 10 and Geller 9. Fourteen of the 16 participants were grand masters.

Here is an interesting game from the tournament.

#### GELLER-ROMANISHIN

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nc6 5 Nc3 a6 6 Ba2 Nge7 7 O-O Nxd4 8 Qxd4 Nc6 9 Qe3 Be7 10 Qg3 O-O 11 Bh6 Bf6 12 Rad1 Qb6 13 Bf4 g6 14 Bd6 Re8 15 e5 Bg7 16 Rd3 Ne7 17 Bg4 h5 18 Bh3 Qxb2 19 Qg5! Qxc2! 20 Rf3 b5! 21 Bxe7 Bb7 22 Re3 Kh7 23 Na2 Rac8 24 Ng3 Rc4! 25 Nxh5! gxh5 26 Qxh5ch Kg8 27 Rg3! Rxa7 28 Qg5 f6 29 exf6 Rf7 30 fxg7 Rr8 31 Bg4 Qb2 32 Bh5 Rrg7 33 Qe7! Rrg3! 34 Bf7+! Kh8 35 hxg3 Bc6 36 g4 Qg7 37 g5 Rf8 38 g6 Be4 39 Qh4+ 1-0

4 Nc6! Sicilian Taimanov. White's

main alternatives are 5 c4 Nf6 6 Nc3, Bb4 and 5 Nb5, d6 6 Bf4 e5 7 Be3 Nf6 8 Bg5 (Pelikan's Variation).

5 a8) Spassky-Larsen Tilburg 1981 5 d6 6 f4 Nf6 7 Be3 e5 6 Qc7 is more usual when the three main lines arise after 6 Be3 6 Be2 6 q3

7 O-O Tal-Romanishin Riga 1981 7 Be3 Nxd4 8 Qxd4 b5 9 Rd1 Bt7 10 O-O Nc6

Ivanovich-Bukic Yugo 1980 7 Nb3 Na5 8 Nxa5 Qxa5 9 O-O Nc6 10 a3 d6

12 Qb6! Black has completely surrendered the square d6 for Q side counter play

13 g6! 11 13 Qxb2? 14 e5 Be7 15 Ne4 and the White Knight joins in the King side attack

14 Bd6! Now if 14 e5 Bg7 15 Ne4? Qxb2 and White's e5 Pawn falls

17 Bg4! Black's Knight is not allowed to occupy f5

20 b5! Black has to give up the Knight in view of 20 Nc6? 21 Qf4 or 20 Nf5 21 Bxf5 exf5 22 Nd5 Bxe5 23 Bxe5 Rxc5 24 Qd8+ Kh7 (or Kg7) 25 Qf6! winning. But he has two Pawns for it

22 Kh7! 23 Bh6 is not an immediate threat because of 24 Qf6 but White

cannot play 23 Bf6? (Bh6) Bc6 is 22 Bxe5? 23 Rxe5, Qxc3 24 Bf6

23 Ne2) 23 g4? would be met by 23 Rac8 24 Ne2 Qc8! 25 Ng3 hpg4! (26 Bxg4? Qg2 mate or 26 Qxg4 Rxa7) or 25 f3 Bh6 26 Qf6, Bxe3+

24 Rc4! Now the threat 25 Bh6 operates i.e. 25 Qf6 Rf4 traps the Queen. But White acts combinatively returning the piece

27 Rg3! 27 Bf6 does not work because of 27 Qh7 28 Qe2 Bxf6

31 Qb2! Not 31 Rrg7? 32 Bxe6+ dxe6 33 Qxg7 mate

33 Rrg3? Correct was 33 Rf8! 34 Qxd7 Bd5 when despite his extra Pawn the end game after 35 Rrg7+ etc does not seem good for White and there is no apparent continuation to strengthen the attack. White's Rook on f1 being inactive

36 g4! This Pawn wins the game in three steps!

#### END GAME

Last week's ending by G. Nadarashvili (1947) White Ke2 Nf2 Pg6 Black Kd4 Rb6 Bb8 Pe6 draw 1 q6 Rb2+ 2 Kf1 Rb1+ 3 Nd1! (if 2 Kg2? Bh2! 3g8Q Rg1+ and 4 Rrg8 wins or 3 Kxh2 Rb8 and Rg8 Rrg7 wins) 3 Rxd1+ 4 Kg2 Rd3! 5g8Q Rrg3+ b Kf1! Rrg8 stalemate



By Jimmy Mathia

1. Maharashtra State Championship at Ichalkaranji Phadke topped the Swiss League qualifying with a match to spare. Phadke met Tibrewala's team in the finals and had a carry over of some twenty three I.M.P.s by virtue of having crushed Tibrewala's minus three in the Swiss League.

Tibrewala's wreaked sweet vengeance in the finals mainly due to a fantastic stroke of luck in the third session which resulted in cancellation of several boards all of which were coincidentally good for Phadke.

Here is one of them

Q 3  
A K J 10 3  
K J  
10 6 3 2  
N  
S  
A B 7 4 2  
Q  
A 3 2  
A K 9 4

Contract 6C Lead D4

Tibrewala's declarer Arvind Vaidya played the hand in hum drum fashion and went down smilingly

At trick one he played the DJ from dummy capturing East's Queen. Next came two rounds of clubs on the second of which West showed out. Curtains!

This was the full hand

Q 3  
A K 10 3  
K J

10 6 3 2  
10 9 6 N 5  
5 4 W E 9 8 7 2  
0 6 5 4 S 9 8 7  
Q J 8 7  
A B 7 4 2  
Q  
A 3 2  
A K 9 4

The contract presents no problem unless trumps are four one. If West has four to Queen & Knave there is nothing that the declarer can do about it so he should plan to cater to trump length with East as was the case in actual fact.

How would you have played?

The contract is not fool proof but the right play is only beaten by a brilliant defence which might easily be missed even at expert level.

The play at trick one should be the King of diamonds and not the routine knave. A club is next cashed and when no honour appears it cannot hurt to play low to dummy's ten.

If trumps split normal declarer his twelve tricks five hearts three trumps two diamond and a ruff in dummy in addition to the Ace of spades.

When East produces four trumps, any return by East except a heart allows declarer the same twelve tricks.

If East returns a spade, declarer rises with the Ace, plays the DA, ruffs a diamond in dummy and takes the marked finesse in trumps. A club or diamond return does not disturb declarer's plan.

If however declarer makes the mistake of finessing the diamond knave at trick one he runs into fatal communication problems on any black suit return.

Alas even if declarer plays thus in expert fashion East can rise to the occasion with a heart return to deal a death blow to declarer's communication. However the defence is even tougher to visualise than the right declarer play.

This board was played by Phadke C in the less enterprising contract of 3NT which of course rolled and should have meant an 11 I.M.P.s swing to Phadke.

God came to Tibrewala's rescue— not for the first time or the last. The E/W hands were somehow found to have been interchanged and though the interchange had little enough bearing on the outcome the rules demanded that the board be cancelled and replayed. There was another board where Tibrewala rushed in over a weak two and landed in the worst denotation going for eleven hundred.

There was not even a game going the other way and little chance of duplicated result. This board was also switched and cancelled as were yet another couple of Phadke's C's good boards.

In the replayed boards Phadke lost two I.M.P.s. The switched boards cost Phadke C somewhere in the region of 50 I.M.P.s snatching victory from out of their very mouths and crowning Tibrewala's team Maharashtra State Champion.

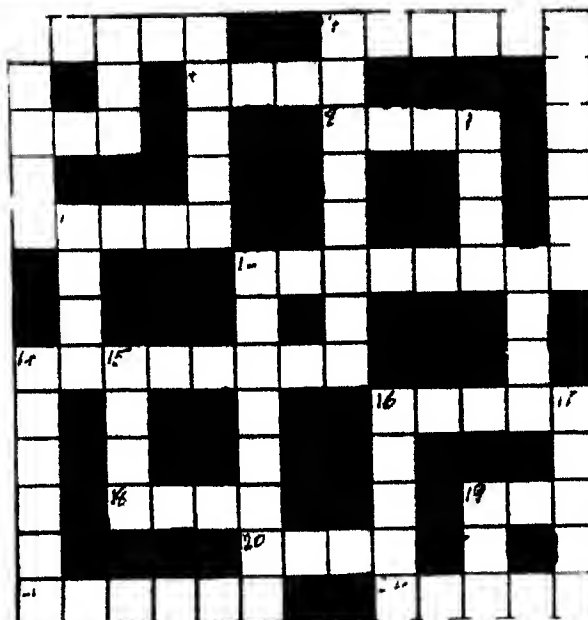
The mystery of switched boards was explained as being the work of children who appear to have been entrusted with the task of making Vu Graph slides!!!

## ACROSS

- 1 Jessu—spun the Australians out at Kanpur (5)
- 4 Olympic high jump champion—Brand ends with a pronoun (6)
- 6 One of the Badger twins (4)
- 7 Olympic platform diving champion returns (3)
- 8 Stumper Joshi's pet name (4)
- 10 Indian pace bowler (1, 4)
- 12 A move in chess starts with an accountant (8)
- 14 West Indies cricketer starts with the almighty (1, 7)
- 16 Indian cricketer is a friend to start with (5)
- 18 You cannot afford to give this to a specialist batsman (4)
- 19 Tennis stroke (3)
- 20 Romantic score—all (4)
- 21 English cricketer returns with the French start (5)
- 22 West Indies spinner (5)

## DOWN

- 1 Bench this is used for training (5)
- 2 Former world chess champion (3)
- 3 Former Indian sprinter Mary—Rao (5)
- 4 Zatopek was this runner coming up (8)
- 5 Batsmen have to watch a—ball (6)
- 9 It governs athletics in India (1, 1, 1, 1)
- 11 A boxer can be saved by the—(4)
- 12 Australian cricketer starts with a cup that cheers (8)
- 13 Former Indian opener—Contractor (4)
- 14 English cricketer—Bailey (5)
- 15 Shape of a playing field (4)
- 16 Religious head played cricket for England (4, 1)



- 17 Basketball international—Montasir (5)  
19 —Dani comes up (3)

## How much do you know?



- 1 Which are the weapons for men in Olympic fencing?
- 2 What are the standard dimensions of a football field?
- 3 What is a stalemate in chess?
- 4 What are the positions in Olympic small bore rifle shooting?
- 5 Will a 28 inch long squash racket be allowed?
- 6 Can a batsman while playing at the ball be stumped by any fielder other than the wicketkeeper standing close to the wicket?
- 7 One always sees a hockey umpire pass the stick through a metal ring

before start of play. What is the diameter of the ring?

## ANSWERS

1 Epee foil and sabre 2 90 to 120 m in length and 45 to 90 m in breadth 3 When the King of the player whose turn it is to move is not in check but such player cannot make a legal move 4 Prona kneeling and standing 5 No. It cannot exceed 27 ins 6 No. Only the wicketkeeper is allowed to do the stumping 7 The inside diameter is two inches

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## Most thrilling soccer tourney

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This year's World Cup, commencing in the first week of June is certainly going to be the tournament of the century.

Brazil, France, Argentina, Kuwait, England and West Germany are the chief contenders for the glittering prize.

None may take the risk to predict the final outcome of the tournament as far as the winner of the tournament concerned. But one thing may certainly be predicted i.e. thrilling and nerve-breaking matches are in the offing.

—Kamran Khan Asif,  
(Ghaziabad, UP).

## India: formidable foe

**N**OWADAYS a team is preferred to have six batsmen and a wicket-keeper and four bowlers. India is likely to do the same. As Sandeep Patil is not in full form, Ashok Mahotra will be the sixth batsmen.

India has a lot of stakes in this their Test



A picture, they say, is worth a thousand words...this is Errol, probably one of SPORTS-WEEK's youngest readers. He wrote to us, sending in a picture that depicts his "favourite hobby". Which goes to show that SPORTSWEEK is a mag that captivates the interest of young and old alike

matches against England.

But I don't think there is anything to be worried about, as some good class batsmen are suspended from playing for their country for three years.

Our only threat might come in the form



Ian Botham...most dreaded of them all

of that ever-dreaded all-rounder Ian Botham, but with the team that is now touring England, India will be a very formidable foe.

—Nagesh Ramiya,  
(Bangalore).

## Interesting sports itinerary ahead

**T**HE next few months will have many international and national sports. After all the recent politics in the country, it will be very interesting to have a look and read about some of the finest sportsmen and the sporting events.

There is the Champions Trophy in June at Holland where a new-look Indian hockey team under, unfortunately, Surinder Singh Sodhi will vie to be champions of game again.

Then there is the Test matches between England and India where India will try to retain their recent victory in India and England will try to avenge their defeat at our hands.

And then off course there is the Wimbledon, the *sahab* of all tennis, where, again unfortunately, Borg, Lendl and so many other players will not be seen in action. But anyway, Wimbledon is Wimbledon and nothing can be said contrary to that.

And the football at Seoul, where again India will try to make amends for their defeat at last year at the Merdeka football tournament.

And then with a few national tournaments strewn around the country for the next two months, a climax will be reached with the holding of the IX Asian Games from November 19 onwards.

We await eagerly for them all.

—Stafford Fernandes,  
(Bardez, Goa).

## It's simply not cricket

**T**ELLING our Indian star all-rounder Kapil Dev that he cannot complete his two-year contract with Northamptonshire at the end of the Indian tour to England is so very foolish and unbecoming of the Cricket Control Board of India. It's simply not cricket.

So what if his colleagues in that country are Peter Willey and Wayne Larkins the English rebels.

As has been rightly pointed out, repercussions will be felt throughout the cricketing world and then the only ultimatum would be legal action against Kapil.

If West Indies, those who have stronger hate than their Indian counterparts can allow their players to earn their bread and butter by playing in English counties alongside members of the rebel Graham Gooch and co., why should the Indian Board stop Kapil from playing English cricket and completing his contract?

It is hoped that the judgement passed on Kapil Dev will be reviewed by saner persons other than those who are now in the Indian cricket hierarchy.

—Harish Neogi,  
(Calcutta-13)

## Professional boxing a farce

**I**N BOMBAY, we recently had professional boxing staged but what we and hundreds of others came to see and what we were doled out was disgusting.

The boxers were way past their prime and sitting in the hot, humid hall, watching them hugging and sloppily dancing in the ring made the whole programme a farce.

A fight that was billed in the heavyweight category with an Iranian boxer studying in Bangalore was shelved, as they, so the organisers say as they could not find a suitable opponent to fight with him. So he was content at being a second-man for his Karnataka boxers and we were content at jeering and yawning.

To make matters worse, there was some blatant cash-giving in the ring and after one bout, one outside-state spectator, as a lark, offered his watch to the winner, his friend as the organisers had announced that any gifts from the spectators were acceptable.

Harsh lights from the TV cameras should not be kept near the ring and that is what the Doordarshan people did, and possibly, it was because of this that Bipin Seth of Maharashtra lost the Jr. Flyweight bout as he was constantly shielding his eyes, and in the process receiving severe beating from his opponent.

Hope the next time the organizers bring in better boxers who are in better shape.

—Mohan Naik,  
(Dadar, Bombay-28).



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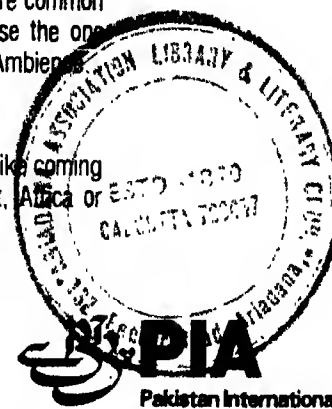
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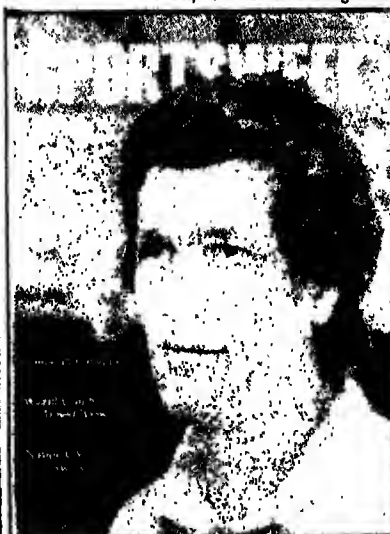
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## Cover

**R**OBERT GEORGE DYLAN WILLIS who took the mantle of spearheading England's attack at the turn of the last decade from John Snow, felt honoured but was surprised when he was named the captain of the England



side for the two one-day internationals and three Tests against India

Surprised because, primarily the Warwickshire speedster maintained that Keith Fletcher would be a good choice to lead England again despite losing the series in India. Secondly, Willis never lobbied for captaincy for the simple reason which, he says, is because a fast bowler can never guarantee himself to be in the Test side for more than two Tests in a row.

And rightly so, for Willis who made his debut in Australia in 1971 was hindered by injury; his awkward bowling action damaging both knees to such an extent that only surgery saved him.

Willis was back in action in 1976 and took 20 wickets against India. In 1977 he was at his best, capturing 27 wickets and set a record for an England fast bowler in a home series against Australia.

Determination, physical courage and his attacking approach on the field has obviously made the England selectors choose Willis.

Transparency: Neelkant Sharma

# Time to stop these 'quacks'!

**S**PORTS MEDICINE is a highly specialised subject. Sports medicine doctors all over the world have made great strides, applying this science to sportsmen, their development and their need for individual attention in perfecting the technique.

In highly advanced countries, the science of sports medicine has been used to mould an athlete into a world champion. Sad to say, in India, though an effort was made to establish the Indian Association of Sports Medicine (IASM) in 1970, the members of the same are neglected as far as exposure to international sports is concerned.

The IASM arranged two international courses in sports medicine in collaboration with the International Olympic Committee and the International Federation of Sports Medicine. Many doctors came forward to undergo these courses. However, their services have not been utilised in international sports. They are looking forward to this kind of exposure during the Asiad '82 rather hopefully!

The IASM being the recognised body for sports medicine doctors, the Indian Olympic Association rightly decided to entrust it with the responsibility of nominating team doctors to accompany our national teams abroad for Olympics and other important meets.

It is rather unfortunate that the sports federations are not following this well-meant policy. They, for most of the time, misuse the posts of team doctors to oblige their own friends who are unqualified in sports medicine, for reasons other than sports or merit. These doctors turn these trips into pleasure jaunts and as a result, sportsmen suffer.

It is quite surprising that even the Ministry of Education accepts the nominations of the sports federations without proper scrutiny.

The Indian Hockey Federation has been guilty of entrusting the responsibility of team doctors to unqualified ones. In the past, a World Cup squad was accompanied by a family doctor of a team official.

Recently in the World Cup Hockey in Bombay, the Indian team doctor was an Indian settled in Germany. It is learnt, that this doctor, a close relation of a top IHF official, who was on a visit to this country, enjoyed the hospitality and went home.

And true to the IHF tradition, the team to Dubai and Amsterdam is accompanied by a doctor having no sports medicine qualifications. This doctor, K.S. Bedi by name, hails from Rajasthan whose State body secretary was up in arms against the IHF president in the recent alleged misappropriation of

funds controversy. This move by the IHF is nothing but pleasing the rebels with crumbs of the office.

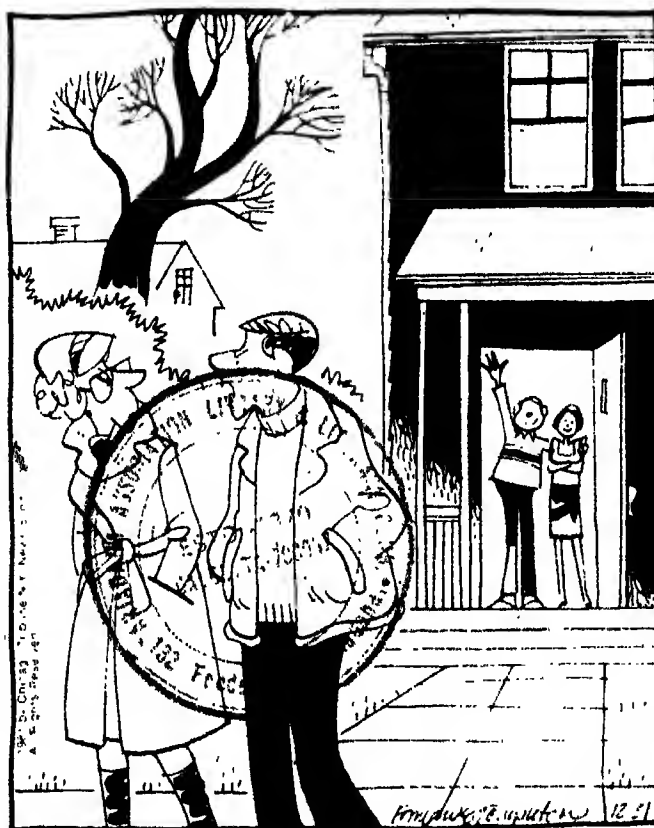
This malady is not confined to the IHF alone. The Indian football team for the Kings Cup in Bangkok last year was accompanied by a doctor who was a close friend of a top official of the All India Football Federation.

Doctors not qualified in sports medicine are a curse to sportsmen. There are innumerable instances of unqualified doctors having ruined the careers of many prominent sportsmen. Hockey goalkeeper Charles Cornelius, hockey fullback Michael Kindo, athletes Suresh Babu and T.C. Yohannan are some who have suffered at the hands of these 'quacks'. And the list goes on. But who cares?

When the Indian Olympic Association has issued guidelines to the sports federations in this respect, it is for the Education Ministry to wake up and ensure that only qualified sports medicine doctors are cleared as team doctors of our national teams. This is absolutely necessary as the future of sportsmen are in their hands.

**Tailpiece:** At this rate it would come as no surprise if a gynaecologist is nominated by a federation to accompany a men's team. After all, wasn't Vijay Merchant treated by a gynaecologist and had some stitches on his forehead when he was injured playing against England at the Bombay Gymkhana in the 1930s? Poor Merchant came to know about it when he saw the doctor's sign-board while leaving his nursing home!

## THE SPORTING LIFE



ALL I SAID WAS "IT'S TOO BAD WE MISSED SEEING YOU WIN THE CLUB TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP" ...HOW WAS I TO KNOW THEY VIDEOTAPED IT ?!"

# Boosting win for tourists

—By Henry Blofeld—

**S**OME magnificent hitting by Kapil Dev who made 40 in 25 minutes transformed the Indian second innings against Hampshire and they went on to win by 3 wickets scoring 298 for 7 with 4 overs to spare

Earlier, thanks to a wonderful innings of 156 by Gordon Greenidge, Hampshire were able to declare their second innings closed at 236 for two

For a long time it looked as if India would be content to settle for some batting practice. Gavaskar and Parkar put on 72 in 75 minutes for the first wicket and India gradually fell further behind the clock

Parkar was then caught behind hooking Emery but was so reluctant to leave the field that Gavaskar had to wave him away from the other end

Gavaskar himself was then well caught at cover when he mistimed an off drive and Patil wasted another chance of practice when he was caught and bowled driving too soon at Tremlett

## Showed

It was now that Kapil Dev and Vengsarkar added 54 in 9 overs and by the time Kapil Dev, who showed what an exciting batsman he can be, had been caught at backward point driving at Southern India were very much in the driver's seat

Nayak then hit some good strokes while Vengsarkar went along as he pleased and only 16 runs were needed from the last 20 overs

When Vengsarkar was 14 short of his 100, he was caught and bowled by Cowley after having hit a six and 9 fours. After Kirmani was caught at cover off Malone, Viswanath calmly saw them home

The Indian bowlers had plugged away while awaiting for the declaration and Doshi who did not come up until the Hampshire score had reached 135 for 1 did not find the patch Southern had exploited

The reason for this was that although they are both left arm spinners they are



*G.R. Viswanath...his one hundred was the centrepiece of a pleasant day's cricket in the sun—CPP*

much taller and bowls to a shorter length than Doshi. Doshi who fights the ball with great skill needs to pitch it further up and was therefore unable to find the same spot.

All in all though this was an important morale boosting win for the Indians on the eve of their programme of international matches.

Earlier in the India first innings a gem of an innings by Viswanath who made exactly one hundred was the centre piece of a pleasant day's cricket in the sun at Southampton.

India declared at 277 for 6. 59 runs behind Hampshire's 366 for 6 declared and in the last 70 minutes of the day Hampshire scored 38 for no wicket and are now 97 runs ahead.

While Viswanath took full advantage of a pitch which was excellent until the last session of play with a succession of those delightfully wisty strokes square of the wicket on the off side which brought him most of his 11 fours. Kirmani also batted well. Gavaskar had sent Kirmani in first with Parkar because he has had very little opportunity with the bat so far on the tour.

Kirmani is not especially an elegant batsman but he drove well off the back foot and profited from some neat deflections. This innings will have done him a lot of good just before this week's one day internationals.

## Reached

Viswanath was fifth out at 270 in the same over he reached his 100 when he came down the wicket changed his mind and was howled by Cowley. He batted 163 minutes and hit 11 fours.

When Nayak was bowled coming down the pitch to Southern 7 runs later Gavaskar declared.

India then had a nasty shock when in the second last over of the day Kapil Dev pulled up after bowling the second ball. There was a hole in the bowling crease which had been dug by the Hampshire fast bowlers and he was afraid he might jar his foot but mercifully he avoided injury.

Trevor Jesty who has been so unlucky never to win an England Test cap took Hants past 300 for six.

He is one of the most decisive drivers of a ball in county cricket and at times reminds me of South African Barry Richards whom he bettered with so many times for Hampshire.

The Indians relied on their two spinners Dilip Doshi and Shivlal Yadav for much of the time. Both looked short of practice.

The Indians started well against Hampshire when West India opener Gordon Greenidge was lbw in the first over trying to play Kapil Dev wide of mid-on off the back foot.

At 44 his partner John Rise was also lbw to Medan Lal when playing badly



*Gordon Greenidge scored a brilliant 156 in the Hampshire first innings*

across the line to one which kept a low

Mark Nicholas who has more natural ability than most was joined by Jesty and they produced a succession of lovely strokes first against the seam bowlers as they drove and played the ball away off their legs.

A push into the covers for a single brought Jesty to the 14th hundred of his career.

And shortly after that Nigel Cowley and Tim Tremlett were both out sweeping at Doshi. But then Jesty smashed Doshi for two successive legside fours.

# Potter: England's exciting prospect

**A**LTHOUGH India's game against Kent ended in the dulllest of draws the last day was enlivened by an incredible innings of 118 by 19-year-old opening batsman Laurie Potter in Kent's second innings. Potter who made 96 in the first innings, reached his hundred when the score was 123 and showed himself to be the most exciting young batting prospect in England.

Kent declared their second innings at tea when their score was 248 for 4. This left India the purely nominal target of 269 in two hours but the game ended after 90 minutes when the Indians had scored 68 for three.

Potter's innings was remarkable for

he played with astonishing maturity for one who is still young. He has a marvellous range of strokes on each side of the wicket and looks such a well balanced player. One of the reasons for this is that he has learned his cricket on the hard and true pitches of Perth in Western Australia where his parents emigrated when he was a child.

Potter has all the confidence one usually associates with young Australians who are brought up in such splendid conditions. He wants to play his strokes and loves to hit the ball.

He has been on the Kent books for eight years and made his first-class

debut last year. This was only his eighth first-class innings. Of course, the Indian bowlers were less enthusiastic than they would have been in Test match and this was a very easy paced pitch. For all that, I will be astonished if I have not over the last three days been watching a future England player.

The second day centered round a splendid unbeaten fourth wicket stand of 198 between Ashok Malhotra who made 154 not out and Yashpal Sharma 77 not out as India reached 282 for three declared in reply to Kent's 302 for seven declared.

On an easy paced pitch they both took their chance to play themselves into form and make sure of their Test places. The Kent bowling weakened by the absence of Derek Underwood, Bob Woolmer and Kevin Jarvis was steady but not especially penetrative and the sparse crowd was able to enjoy a succession of handsome strokes from both players.

On a cold blustery day with some rain although only 40 minutes were actually lost, India's only disappointment was

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**Ashok Malhotra...a high class player with fast and sure footwork—CPP**

the continued poor form of Sandeep Patil who begins to look as if he will not make the Test side

India began the day at 28 for 2 and Malhotra and Patil played some good firm strokes but at 84 Patil seemed to lose concentration and drove head up at West Indian Eldine Baptiste and was bowled. For some time Yashpal Sharma played very quietly refusing to take any semblance of a risk while Malhotra kept the score board moving at the other end as he drove and cut and played the ball away with excellent timing off his legs

He is a high class player and Gavaskar must have been delighted that after reaching a hundred he went on to pass 150. Malhotra looks to me to be a natural games player with all the innate ability which gives him his fine sense of timing as well as fast and sure footwork. Early on he played one delightful leg glance off England's fast bowler Graham Dilley and then he produced some lovely drives of the back foot through the covers off Chris Cowdrey one of which brought him to 50. By then Yashpal was beginning to look happier about his timing and he started to play some pleasantly elegant drives and cuts of his own. Runs came at a good enough rate all afternoon.

Malhotra's 100 came in 169 minutes which is good going these days and included 15 fours. When he had reached three figures he celebrated

with a delicious late cut for four off left arm spinner Lindsay Wood.

But even now he refused to take any

real risks as he and Yashpal batted on until Gavaskar made a challenging declaration 20 runs short of the Kent score with only 35 minutes of the day left.

On the opening day Gavaskar put the opposition in for the second match running because he felt that his bowlers are more in need of practice than his batsmen.

But they had little success early on. Kapil Dev is still bowling well within himself and on the evidence so far India look as if they are going to be extremely hard pressed to bowl England out twice in a Test match.

Potter and Nell Taylor put on 101 for Kent's first wicket without any difficulty whatever until Taylor was suddenly caught at short leg pushing forward to left arm spinner Ravi Shastri.

Chris Tavare took his place and batted with greater command and authority than I have seen from him before.

He now knows after his two innings in midweek for MCC that he is assured of a Test place. His batting reflected the confidence this has given him.

He played the best stroke of the day when he took a step to Shastri and then in his elegant, classical style off drove magnificently for four.

When he was 25 he straight drove Singh who dropped a hard low return catch. But soon afterwards he lost patience and flogged wildly at Dilip Doshi's left arm spin and was bowled.

Two more wickets fell quickly when Ealham cut Doshi to cover and Cowdrey drove at a wide one from Nayak and was caught in the gully.

Both were victims of careless strokes rather than any special cunning in the bowling. Kent later declared at 302 for seven.



**Know summat? Our Geoff's not t'only lad that can bat a bit!**

# Chappell wants to shield youngsters

**A**USTRALIAN cricket captain Greg Chappell believes the devaluation of the Sheffield Shield competition is threatening the standard of the game in Australia.

Chappell says the game's administrators should ensure that future programmes allow Test players to play much more Shield cricket.

His thoughts are contained in a book just published on the 1982 Australian tour of New Zealand Test Series 82 by New Zealand's cricket writers Dick Brittenden and Don Camaron, will be on sale in Australia shortly.

In a lengthy interview at the end of the book Chappell said the game in Australia was basically strong but expressed some misgivings over the increasing pressures on young players.

the decline in the standard of wickets and the lack of quality young fast bowlers to take over from the likes of Dennis Lillee and Jaff Thomson.

From a long term view our bowling is a thing of concern. There is no one in Australia who really stands out, they have never really taken that extra step from Sheffield Shield play to looking really good Test cricketers.

We have got a lot of good young batsmen around. You tend to worry whether these batsmen are getting runs because there are not many bowlers around or whether they are really good players.

That is why I am concerned about the devaluing of our Sheffield Shield competition in the sense that our Test players are not playing a lot of Shield

cricket. Shield cricket has been our strength over the years.

Cricket is now almost totally different from the game I started playing. There was no one-day cricket. You had your Shield competition and a few Test matches each summer. Sometimes there was a summer with only domestic cricket. It seemed to be a more leisurely game than it is now—bearing in mind that I was not playing international cricket at that stage.

The fitness of players, the fielding, the bowling standards have improved so much.

Chappell said that the emphasis had swung so much to fast bowling that you do not need to have spinners in Test cricket.

In fact they are almost becoming a luxury and that is a sad thing.

The pressure on a young player is much heavier than when I started playing the game.

Test or International cricket is not the place to learn to play cricket. That is the big problem in Australia. We are getting the young player who is doing well at firstclass level even if he is not getting enough cricket at that level.

Then he is put into international cricket against top players in a real pressure cooker situation.

## Lamb thrilled

**S**OUTH AFRICAN BORN Allan Lamb, who has spent four years qualifying to play for England, said: "This is superb. It's a tremendous feeling to be selected at last. I was never quite sure they were going to pick me."

It has always been my ambition to play Test cricket but ten years ago I never thought I would ever be able to play at all.

I am lucky both my parents were born here. Some people may think it's wrong but the rules allow it and my origins are completely English.

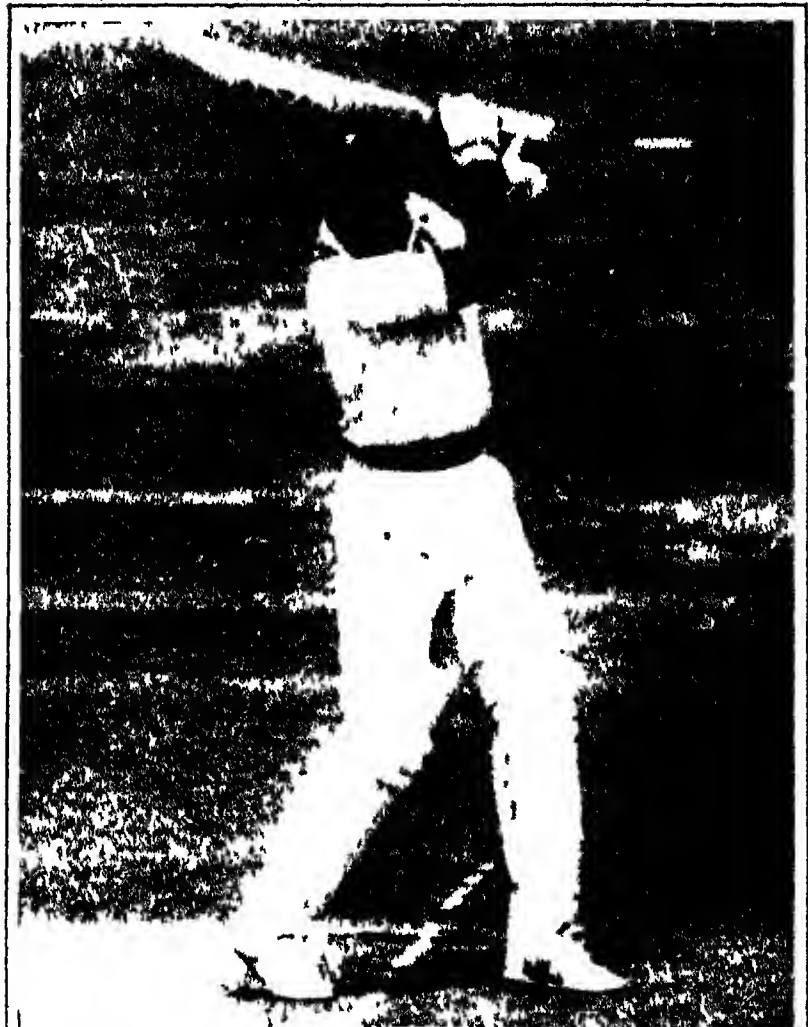
I believe I am more qualified than Tony Greig was and he was England's captain.

## Back to tradition

**E**NGLAND will return to the traditional format of playing five Tests during their forthcoming tour of Australia which begins on October 22.

The Tests will take place between November 12 and January 7 and there will be rest days in all except the fourth. England will then take part in a one-day triangular tournament with Australia and New Zealand.

**TEST DATES:** Nov 12-17 (Perth), Nov 26-Dec 1 (Brisbane), Dec 10-16 (Adelaide), Dec 26-30 (Melbourne), Jan 2-7 (Sydney).



West Indian Vusi Richards of Somerset cuts a ball from Middlesex's M.F. Williams to the boundary in a Benson & Hedges Cup match at Lord's.

# India's top 20

**T**HE first Test starting at Lord's on the 10th of this month marks 50 years of Test cricket for India. We made our Test debut on June 25, 1932, also at Lord's.

It's time to take stock. Who have been our top 20 cricketers during this period? With due humility I put forth my list, expecting to be boiled in oil by every cricket lover in the country!

A few qualifications before I stick my neck out. The players should have played at least five Tests for India which unfortunately means no Ranji, Duleep, Baloo, Vitthal, Dr. Kange, Col. Mistri, Prof. Deodher, Ramji, Iftikhar Pataudi and L.P. Jai in the list.

The list is not meant to be a balanced team, just 20 great cricketers who have put India on the map. This is not necessarily my list of favourites, else Vijay Hazare and Dilip Sardesai would have topped the poll and Nari Contractor and Ramnath Kenny would have certainly found themselves included.

Consistency of performance, international reputation and natural style have been used as yardsticks for ranking rather than brilliance or crowd-pulling ability.

The list:

1. Sunil Gavaskar 2. Vinoo Mankad



Salim Durrani...ignored

3. Vijay Hazare. 4. Vijay Merchant. 5. Bishen Bedi. 6. E.A.S. Prasanna. 7. G.R. Viswanath. 8. C.K. Nayudu. 9. Mohammed Nissar. 10. Polly Umrigar. 11. Kapil Dev. 12. Subash Gupte. 13. Vijay Manjrekar. 14. Syed Kirmani. 15. B.S. Chandrasekhar. 16. Farokh Engineer. 17. Chendu Borde. 18. Ramakant Dasai. 19. Dilip Sardesai. 20. Mansur Pataudi.

Classy cricketers like Merchant, C.K. Nayudu and Nissar had the disadvantage of playing only 23 Tests between them. Their ranking would have been higher had they received more Test opportunities. Also, had L. Amar Singh, R.B. Kenny, M.L. Apte, Wazir Ali and the debonair Mushtaq Ali played more Tests, they would have presented more pressing claims.

I do realise that other outstanding names have been ignored, viz Lala Amarnath S. Venkatraghavan, Ghulam Ahmad, Contractor, M.L. Jaisimha, Bapu Nadkarni, Salim Durrani, Ravi Shastri, Ravi Surti, Dattu Phadkar, Eknath Solkar, Dilip Vengsarkar, Ajit Wadekar, Hemu Adhikari, Naren Tamhane, G.S. Ramchand, Budhi Kunderan, Pankaj Roy, Chetan Chauhan. They have all done India proud.

The heartening feature of my list is that four of them (at numbers 1, 7, 11 and 14) are members of our team touring England at present.

## Across the border

By Aziz Rehmatullah

### Pak team for Champions Trophy

**T**HE Pakistan Hockey Federation has named 16 members for the fourth Champions Trophy which will be organised at Amsterdam from June 6.

Besides Pakistan, teams from Holland (hosts), West Germany, Australia, India and the USSR will participate in the single league tournament.

The Pakistan team is:

Goalkeepers: Moinuddin and Shahid Ali Khan. Fullbacks: Mazoor-ul-Hasan (Vice-captain), Qasim Zia and Aamer Shafiq. Halfbacks: Abdul Rashid, Saeed Ahmed, Ishtiaq and Ayaz Mahmood. Forwards: Kaleem-ul-lah, Manzoor Hussain, Jr. Hasan Sardar, Hanif Khan, Sami-ul-lah (captain), Saeed Khan and Saleem Sherwani. Standbys: Abdul Ghafoor (Goalkeeper), Nani Ali (fullback), Naeem Akhtar (halfback) and Zahid Maqbool and Khalid Hamid (forwards).

The former Olympian, Zakauddin, has been named as manager and Jehangir Butt as coach. Jan Muhammad Marri will be the associate manager of the team.

### Qadir holds the key

**I**N an exclusive interview with Pakistan Television in Sussex, Imran Khan, the designate captain of the Pakistan cricket team for the forth coming tour of England said that the



Abdul Qadir...could prove to be a trumpcard

team includes young and experienced players with almost every player having played Test cricket

Imran said that it was the best

possible team that Pakistan could raise.

In reply to question regarding the omission of an off-spinner from the side, he said that one was not required as the wickets will be covered during the series, and an off-spinner will not be of much assistance.

On the contrary, Imran added, a wrist spinner could prove to be more useful and it was for this reason that Abdul Qadir could play a vital role.

Imran said that he simply believed in specialists and though Javed Miandad and Wasim Raja could bowl leg-spinners yet they could not be included as specialists in this category, whereas Qadir could prove to be a trumpcard.

Regarding the extra responsibility he shoulders as captain, Imran said that even as a player he always had a tremendous responsibility and pressure on him and he did not feel that captaincy would increase the burden.

Commenting on the forthcoming series, he said that both teams were evenly matched and it could prove to be a very well contested series.



Series Records	For England	For India
Highest Innings total	629 in 1974	378 in 1952
Lowest completed total	134 in 1936	42 in 1974
Top individual score	206* Hardstaff 1946	184 Mankad 1952
Centuries	Seven	Three
Highest partnership	221 Amies-Edrich 1974	211 Mankad-Hazare 1952
Three figures stands	Eleven	Four
Best Innings analysis	7-49 Bedser 1946	6-35 Amar Singh 1936
Best match aggregate	11 145 Bedser 1946	6 71 Amar Singh 1936

**A** TOTAL of 72 Tests have been played at Lords—71 of them by England (In 1912 Australia had played and won a Test at Lord's against South Africa in the Triangular tournament)

England has won 28 Tests at Lord's—7 vs India 6 vs South Africa 5 vs Australia 4 each vs West Indies and New Zealand, and 2 vs Pakistan

Australia had won 9 Tests vs England at Lord's West Indies twice and South Africa once

India's record at Lord's is poor losing 7 and drawing 2 in a total of 9 Tests But there have been many outstanding performances and a traumatic experience in 1974 Let us consider them in chronological sequence

(1) 1932 So much has now been written about India's inaugural Test at Lord's fifty years ago that repetition cannot be avoided—

- Mohammed Nissar clean bowling the England opening batsman Herbert Sutcliffe and Percy Holmes with only 11 runs on the board the striking point being that only a few days earlier this pair had created a first wicket record of 655 in a county match for Yorkshire vs Essex at Leyton

- Lall Singh displaying magical reflexes in a brilliant piece of fielding to run out the legendary Frank Woolley thus reducing England to the incredible scoreline of 19 for 3

- Nissar becoming the only bowler on either side in this Test to take 5 wickets in an innings—a meritorious 5 for 93 on debut

- Amar Singh ably supporting the speed of Nissar with his swing through the air and cut off the pitch to take two wickets in each innings and more notably to score the only fifty in this Test for India as the tourists went down fighting

- England's iron-hard steel nerved captain Doug Jardine top scoring in both innings to rescue his side from a tight corner—79 and 85 not out

(2) 1936 Another defeat for India at Lord's but not before Amar Singh achieved a bowling record which remains unbroken to this day His 6 for 35 in the first innings represent India's best bowling figures in any of the Tests so far played at six venues on English soil

The England skipper Gubby Allen turned in a truly captain's performance by taking five wickets in each innings whilst the fabulous Harold Gimblett—making his Test debut—hit five successive fours to finish off the match in rousing fashion

(3) 1946 A Lord's Test, again won by England marked by notable first appearances—Vinoo Mankad and Ravi Modi scoring fifties on debut the senior Pataudi captaining India for the first time after playing for England over a decade earlier but more spectacularly the great Alec Bedser's first ever Test to take the bowling honours (still unsurpassed) against India in any Test at Lord's (See table)

(4) 1952 The unforgettable Vinoo Mankad 'tour de force'—72 and 184 as opening batsmen against the thunder bolts of Fred Trueman and the guile of Bedser and Jim Laker Mankad also bowled a marathon spell of 73 overs to take 5 for 196 in the first knock and an amazingly economical albeit fruitless stint of 24 overs for only 35 runs as England achieved their fourth successive win at Lord's

Vinoo Mankad completed thousand runs in his 19th Test in this match sharing a 211 run stand with his captain Vijay Hazare (who contributed a self-effacing 49 the second highest score after Mankad's terrific 184)

Wicketkeeper Godfrey Evans hit 98

before lunch to reach a scintillating century, also making his 100th dismissal in his 42nd Test when he stumped Shinde

(5) 1959 India's fifth straight defeat at Lord's is remembered best for Nari Contractor's heroic batting even under the handicap of a cracked rib—the top score of 81 in a total of 168

(6) 1967 Ray Illingworth's match winning spell on the last afternoon—5 wickets for 12 runs in 10 overs—as India crumbled from 75 for 3 at lunch to 110 for 9 Sardesai absent hurt in less than an hour to lose by an innings

(7) 1971 The tantalising drawn Test when anything could have happened if rain had not washed out play in the post tea session on the final day Needing only 183 to win Sunil Gavaskar (53) and Farokh Engineer (35 off only 40 balls) played attacking cricket in the post lunch session to add 66 in only 49 minutes The hundred of the innings came up in 93 minutes the last 50 in a bare 39 minutes

The testima score of 145 for 8 meant that India needed only 38 to win but with the gate open so to speak, with Solkar and Bedi in possession and Chandra to come in last, whilst England required the last two tail end wickets to wrap up the match It promised to be a tight finish either way But the English weather inevitably enough had the final say

(8) 1974 The terrible match of contrasts—England piling up their highest-ever total against any opponent-country at Lord's (629) and then in the follow-on demolishing India in just 70 minutes for 42 all out Geoff Arnold (4 for 19) and Chris Old (5 for 21) bowling unchanged through the innings batting one over from Mike Hendrick

This is not only the lowest total in a Lord's Test by any side but also India's lowest in all Test annals

(9) 1979 India's magnificent fight back after being bowled out for 96 and then trailing by a daunting 323 runs when they began their second innings with almost two entire days left for play After Ian Botham dismissed Sunil Gavaskar for 59 to take his 100th wicket in his 19th Test in the record time of 2 years 9 days, Dilip Vengsarkar (103) and Gundappa Viswanath (113) held firm in a third wicket stand of 210 to force a defiant draw

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G VISWANATH

## WORLD CUP 82

ANOTHER Ladybird pocket book that should catch the eye of a discerning sports lover is the one featuring the World Cup Football 1982. It gives all information as to the history of the event, statistics of the previous series, the preparations made by Spain to stage this prestigious event in seventeen stadia spread over fourteen cities.

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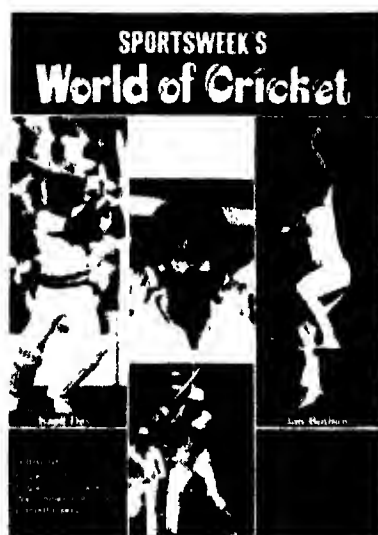
WITH the Asian Games 1982, fast approaching, Rupa's "Asian

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Priced at Rs. 15.00, the booklet provides all the Asian Games records, the Asian Track and Field Games records and the National records.

It also gives complete results of all the Asian Games. But, one felt that instead of giving only the winners' names and their timings, the names of the first three in each game should have been given with the timings or distances of the first three. In that respect, the book is incomplete.

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### Elaborate sports facilities.

An integral part of this village are the elaborate sports facilities being prepared. Practice facilities for practically every sport, ranging from football to weightlifting, from athletics to tennis, will offer similar features as those offered by the stadia where the Asiad will be contested.

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### A remarkable facility for Delhi.

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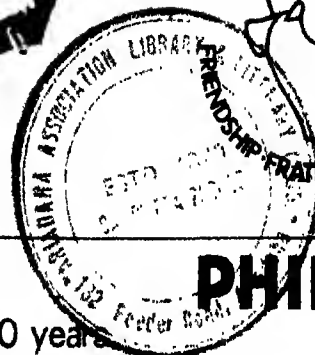


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## From Ace to Deuce

### Cool Chris' caustic comment

**T**HERE were apparently a few hard feelings following the 1981 Wimbledon women's singles final. After losing to Chris Evert Lloyd, Czechoslovakia's Hana Mandlikova said that Chris didn't beat her, she beat herself; and the loser added that she hoped the 1981 Wimbledon might be Lloyd's last appearance there.

"Very gracious," Lloyd observed coolly when the remarks were relayed to her. "Hana didn't deserve to win Wimbledon the way she played." So there.

We won't have to wait long if the two once again clash in this year's competition.

### Mousey squeaks, yelps out

**L**AST YEAR, the Florida Tennis Association (FTA) banned grunting at its sanctioned tournaments. That's right grunting. No longer will a player be allowed to let out an intimidating help as you crunch an overhead Jimmy Connors style. And mouse-like squeaks a la Tracy Austin are verboten too.

The FTA has leveled down the courts with a point system for grunting that could lead to default should a player not light up in his work.

FTA explains: We consider grunting as interference. There were grunting wars going on out on the courts to see

who could grunt the loudest. It sounded like a whole court full of seals.

The players shouldn't worry for they tried to silence Jimmy Connors at Wimbledon, but he just laughed at them.

### Tennis boom in 'Sun'ny land

**J**APAN, the land of the rising sun, is in the midst of a tennis boom, especially among young men. The game is one of the fastest growing sports in the nation in both the number of participants and the frequency of play according to a national sports census.

Since 1975, the total number of players has increased 50 percent to two million. Racquet sales account for 60 percent of the market. But there is a huge boom in tennis-wear sales because the Japanese like to look action-oriented even when not participating in sports.

### Grand and the Phantom Slam

**T**O complete a Grand Slam, a player or doubles team must win all four of the Championships—French, Wimbledon, USA and Australian—in the same calendar year.

That's what Donald Budge (1938), Maureen Connolly (1953), Rod Laver (1962 and 1969) and Margaret Court (1970) have achieved.

Winning all four titles, not in the same calendar year, is chalking up a Phantom Grand Slam. Donald Budge, Maureen Connolly and Margaret Court have scored a Phantom Grand Slam.

### Tennis approved in Olympics

**T**HE International Olympic Committee (IOC) has approved tennis as a demonstration sport for the 1984 Olympic Games at Los Angeles. The competition will feature 16-player draws for both men and women.

If tennis is included as an official sport in the 1988 Olympic Games, it would end the absence of more than 60 years from the Games.

### The double-shuffle

**L**AST YEAR, Billie Jean King, moreover, wasn't too happy with Martina Navratilova. They had an agreement, King said, to play doubles together until my career was over. But Navratilova asked Pam Shriver to team



Billie Jean King

up with her, instead "That's fine," King added, "but just tell me. What bothered me was that she never told me herself."

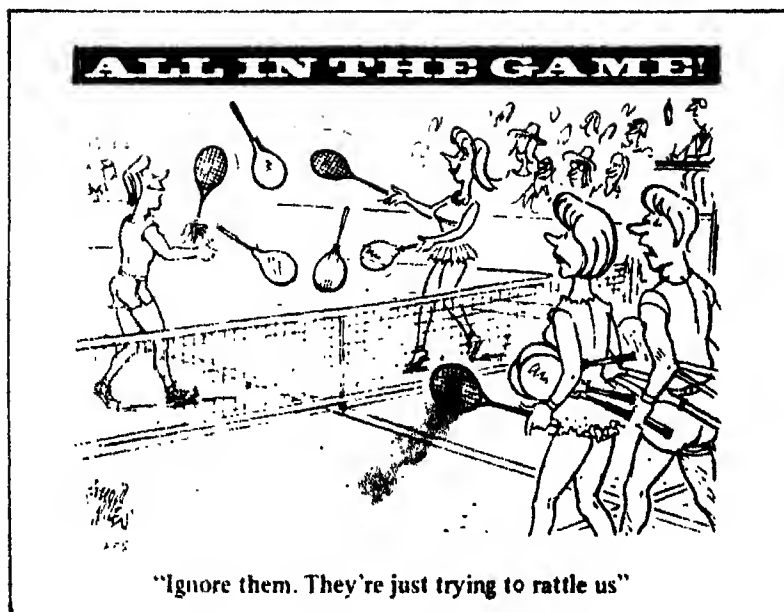
### A cop's racquet

**A** NEW YORK police man with a wicked forehand raised the ire of a local humane society after he went one-on-one against a bat with a tennis racquet. He killed the bat, which was terrorising a woman, and summed up the evening in his report by writing, "I finished off the bat in three sets."

### Tilden biography

**P**LANs are rolling along to get the biography of Bill Tilden made into a film. The Tilden Co. signed directors Pen Densham and John Watson and writer Gill Dennis to develop the final screenplay based on Frank Deford's book, "Big Bill Tilden."

STOP VOLLEY



"Ignore them. They're just trying to rattle us"

# A CLEAR WARNING

**I**HAVE no magic wand Balbir Singh sr has said

Nobody thought he had one when he was entrusted with the dual and difficult task of manager cum coach of the Indian hockey team

Even a magic wand may be of little avail with the present lot if one goes by the outcome of the two encounters against Pakistan at Dubai

India were trounced 1-5 in the first, skipper and centre forward Sunder Singh Sodhi missing three sitters including a penalty stroke

India gave another pathetic display in the second match even though the margin was not as humiliating as in the first. We lost 1-3 miffing as many as a dozen penalty corners

Yet one warrior has declared that India played the better hockey in the first meeting

May be

However of what earthly use is all the pretty stickwork and fancy passing assuming these were present if we cannot translate this midfield superiority into goals?

How can we ever hope to perform well when a centre forward cannot push the ball into an empty goal?

Sodhi has been guilty of such lapses before

On the one hand Pakistan's forwards conjure up goals like a magician pulling a rabbit out of hat. On the other we miss sitters

What kind of coaching and training have our players been put through that they cannot convert 'strokes' leave aside penalty corners?

And we have had different specialists for goal, half line, forwards and so on

Clearly, it will take a long long time for Indian hockey to match Pakistan

In an interview in Dubai Balbir has estimated that it would take India at least another four years to reach the top

Which actually means we should not expect anything from the present lot but from the junior squad

Be that as it may the showing against Pakistan is a clear warning of what lies in store for us in the Champions Trophy

Come to think of it we cannot have made a worse start with our new look team than to play Pakistan

We ought to have realised the odds against us and avoided the crushing blow to the team's morale

But then the lure of money proved irresistible to the Indian Hockey Federation

and they rushed headlong to the Dubai internationals, caring little for the consequences

Only recently we had been trounced by Pakistan in the Asia Cup and there was little hope of our fanning any better

Had Pakistan been in the unenviable position in which we find ourselves today I doubt whether they would have accepted the Dubai proposition, whatever the amounts offered

An official who had gone to see the Indian players off to Dubai remarked that they all looked jaded

Which was not surprising since the India side has been constantly training and playing tournaments. The players have been given little respite

## Deputed

What the team needed was a break, not another encounter with Pakistan

However our officials simply cannot see beyond their nose. If they could, they would have deputed a selector or some talent scouts to watch the Aga Khan

This is how one plans for the future

Had a talent scout or selector been present he would have noted with satisfaction the immense potential of a player like Marcellus Gomes

He was one of the architects of Mahindra's triumph though Francis D'Mello scored most of the goals and cornered much of the glory

Gomes did all the scheming and laid the passes for D'Mello to apply the finishing touch

This is the essence of good hockey and this

is how goals are produced. Two men working in tandem obviously have a much better chance of piercing a defence than one trying to blast his way through

Gomes, as one writer aptly put it, was a roving menace. He was easily one of the most outstanding players seen in the Aga Khan

However, his efforts may have been in vain for no one connected with the selection and preparation of the Indian team cared to watch the tournament

The best way to judge a player is not at training camps but during actual matchplay. It is in a match that a player is put to the acid test

But then we continue to pin our faith in camps with disastrous results

Mahindra's maiden triumph was significant for it demonstrated that the best hockey in India is not confined to the Punjab

Mahindras proved it by successively overcoming two top outfits from Jullundur, Corps of Signals and holders A S C

Further evidence of talent elsewhere in the country was provided by Central Railway who beat Northern Railway and led 3-0 against Signals before centre forward Ashok Pali lost his head and caused Central's undoing

Central might well have made the Aga Khan an all Bombay affair

The trouble is that people in authority do not consider even a major tournament like the Aga Khan as an event of consequence

They are more preoccupied with trips to Dubai and Europe. Not for the good of Indian hockey but for shopping

## Quotes

The Football Association of England would be suspended from affiliation to our organisation and from all international competitions. This means that England will not be allowed to play in the '86 World Cup or any other World Cups after that."

FIFA spokesman Rene Court on England's intention of playing to its own rules

I suddenly turned on my car radio and I heard my name being announced. I was stunned. I just drove along with a big silly grin on my face until the news sank in."

Barry Wood on being selected to play for England

I can't believe Lendl or anybody who wants to be No. 1 is not playing at Wimbledon. To me he is the biggest chicken out in the entire world, especially

in a year when he has the best chance to be so."

- Virginia Wade women's tennis ace

"We have exciting matches more than the men. We have good contrasts between the base liners and the net rushers. Once people watch us, they come back for more and they get good worth for their money."

Martina Navratilova on women's tennis

"I'm still being inhibited in my speed training. It's bit like having a flat tyre on a car. You can motor on merrily until you press on the throttle too hard."

Steve Nett on his ability to touch his highest form

## Why Teltscher hates Wimbledon

**E**LIOT TELTSCHER brushed aside Britain's best last week before launching a scathing attack on the Wimbledon championship.

The brash 23 year old American ranked tenth in the world beat Buster Mottram 6 4 6 3 in just 97 minutes.

The he rapped: The days when top players went to play at Wimbledon just for the pleasure of being there are gone for ever.

I have played in those championships on only one occasion and that was more than enough for me.

I don't like playing on grass and the conditions for players are very poor. Also the money is nowhere good enough.

I just don't have the temperament to put up with the attitude of officials. They make you want to punch them on the nose.

More and more of the top players are beginning to believe that if they cannot win the tournament then it is just not worth the hassle.

With Bjorn Borg, Guillermo Vilas and Joie Luis Clerc definite non starters at Wimbledon and the temperamental Ivan Lendl unlikely to play, Teltscher could have expected to be seeded in the first round.

JOE MELLING



American tennis stars Mike Estep and Tom Leonard played exhibition tournaments at various centres in the country from May 11. Here Mike Estep is seen in action against Sashi Menon of India in the Nirlon Exhibition match in Bombay. Estep won 6-4 6-4.

## Parthiv Vyas passes away

**F**ATE they say is pre-ordained and unalterable. But this myth should not have been so cruel to a budding youngster who was on the threshold of making a name for himself on the national sports scene.



Parthiv Vyas, the 19 year-old Maharashtra and India paddler, who seemed to be in the pink of health a few months ago, passed away last Sunday as a result of intestinal decomposition.

The catastrophic end of Parthiv who was

ranked among the first ten India table-tennis players has rendered the country poorer to a great degree.

Parthiv, son of former India table tennis star Yatin Vyas, first made his mark in the junior's section when he proved a perfect foil with his elder brother Nishit to win the National Junior's doubles crown in 1980. His progress in the senior ranks was beyond imagination and convinced one of his playing abilities in big matches.

Parthiv's last appearance for the country was in the Sixth Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship in February '82 where he participated in the open events.

Parthiv was everybody's friend and had malice towards none. His on-court and off-court manners left nothing to be desired. R.I.P.

## Intensive training for Mark

**M**ARK FERREIRA, fifteen year old son of twice world amateur billiards champion Michael Ferreira, left on Monday morning for intensive tennis coaching in the United States.

Mark, who has made his mark in the junior tennis in India, will join the Chuck Boyle Tennis Academy, California and will have intensive training and tournament play throughout the USA and possibly in Europe for a period of one year.

Tennis coach Chuck Boyle thinks that Mark is good enough to earn a tennis scholarship to a leading American university at the end of the year.

The cost of one year's training in America will be more than a lakh of rupees. Michael has approached a number of institutions for financial help in this regard but has yet to receive any assurance. Says Michael: Talent like

Mark's should not be allowed to languish for want of financial support.

Michael was all praise for Air India for the help in this regard. Mark appeared for his SSF this year.

## Dangers of doping

**S**EBASTIAN COE and Bulgarian rower Svetla Olizetova were at a news conference in Rome where the Olympic Medical Commission decided to spell out the dangers of doping to every Olympic competitor on arrival at the Games.

The Commission accepted a recommendation from the Spanish President of the IOC, Juan Antonio Samaranch, that letters should be issued to athletes explaining the perils of drug abuse.

The newly created Athletes Commission called for higher standards of judging and an age limit for younger athletes.

Coe wants a minimum age limit. He said at the news conference: It is more than a medical problem. We are worried about kids who spend five and six hours in a swimming pool at the age of 10. I don't think it's the right mental approach.



# LEADING INDIA

**A**LL the players of the First Commonwealth side to tour India in the winter of 1949-50 were active professionals in the Lancashire league. The members belonged to different nations. There were Englishmen, Australians and the West Indians. Here was a unique mixture of cricketers of different nationalities playing as one side. These visitors pulled together as a well-knit combination. The series with them was called the 'Unofficial Tests' as they did not represent one country as demanded by the ethics of Test cricket. But since the contests were of international standard, this compromise was arrived at.

The visitors showed their strength in the earlier matches they played at Pune, not on my favourite ground, Poona Club, but on the newly constructed club of Maharashtra ground now known as Nehru Stadium. Worrell, the star attraction of the side and Freer, who led the tourists in this match—scored individual centuries and Alley went one better and knocked up a double century.

There was welcome news for Indians as our best batsman Vijay Merchant had fully recovered and was once again available to play. Naturally the captaincy was entrusted to him. He captained in the first unofficial Test at Delhi but only for a while. He was injured once again while fielding and had to retire. He was unable to take any further part in the 'Test' and I was asked to captain the side in his absence. This was the first occasion on which I led India in an international contest. Although I was only an acting captain, before long I had to shoulder the full responsibility of captain in the latter part of the rubber.

## Shocking

Indis having lost the toss fielded first. Our attack was steady for a while but not penetrating. Our work in the field was shocking and not of an international standard. Catch after catch went begging. The visitors capitalised on our slipshod catching and the opening pair was not separated till it had put on 226. Livingstone, the captain and Oldfield both topped the 'ton'. The others continued where these two had left off and the Commonwealth side amassed a gigantic 608.

To add to our miseries, Uday Merchant (the younger brother of Vijay) was also injured on the field and could not bat in either innings. This was not a very happy match for the Merchants nor was it to be one for India as a whole. We found Pepper, the opponents' star bowler in a devastating form. I made 20 and was just getting into my stride when Pepper beat me with his famous flipper and I was adjudged lbw. Phadkar and

Adhikari however played resolutely. Phadkar in particular was not awed by the wiles of Pepper and scored a brilliant century. The new-comer Umrigar batted courageously but could not find anybody to stay with him and remained not out. Our feeble reply of 291 forced us to follow on.

Since Umrigar had his eye in, I decided to ask him to open our second innings. He played another useful knock and made 55. I was determined to stone for my first innings failure and as I was the acting captain I felt I had additional reason to give off my best. I particularly was keen on settling a score with Pepper. This time I came on top and completed my century. Our second innings was proceeding smoothly and a draw loomed largely on the horizon. I was still batting with 140. I then played a ball from Freer. But not firmly enough. It touched my bat and dislodged a bail with its further progress. After I had played on the side caved in and with two batsmen on the injured list we just avoided an innings defeat but ultimately lost by 10 wickets.

Fortunately for us, by the time the second 'Test' started in Bombay, Merchant was fit enough to play and to lead us. But the toss was not kind with him. He made a surprising change in bowling and brought on Modi who was not a recognised bowler. The young Bombayman did not let the skipper down and astonished everybody by capturing two quick wickets. Oldfield, however put an end to his success and scored another century. Still we managed to get quite a few more quick wickets.

We then had another stumbling block in the shape of Freer, the vice-captain.

Where the more recognised batsmen had failed, Freer went on merrily and collected a hundred. The Commonwealth side totalled 448 and once again were sitting pretty.

Merchant and Modi shared a century partnership and both reached their half-centuries. I came in with 39 and Phadkar once more stepped in to score 78 not out. But all this was not sufficient for us to evict the ignominy of a follow-on for the second time in succession. Somehow the follow-on seemed to suit us. We had shown this in the previous series against the West Indies. We repeated that feat and in the second venture made a respectable score of 430 for the loss of eight wickets to make the issue safe for us. Again the top batsmen batted consistently. Merchant led the recovery with a gallant 84, Modi clipped in with his second fifty of the match. Adhikari and Umrigar also batted well to make sizeable contributions. My share was 64. We lived to fight another day.

What a day it proved in the next 'Test' at the Eden Gardens, Calcutta on the New Year day! We won the third 'Test'. I was the recipient of a message of congratulations from the Governor-General of India, C. Rajagopalachari as I was the captain of the victorious side. But let me narrate the story in the proper order.

Nothing succeeds like success and the first success came in the spin of the coin. I won the toss, and decided to have the first use of the wicket. Early in the morning, the Eden Gardens wicket favours swing and pace but we weathered the set-backs and by the end of the first day were well on the way to a



## A Long Innings

good total by making 213 for three. Mankad unluckily missed his hundred.

With excellent support from veteran Mushtaq Ali, and Kishanchand, I scored my second century in the rubber. When our first innings ended for a very good total of 422, I was not out having made 175. I did not allow the cares of captaincy to affect my batting.

I used Phadkar as a shock weapon and he came off by claiming the first three wickets. Our guests never recovered the shock of early dismissal and their wickets tumbled to the guile of the shrewd Mankad ably supported by Choudhari. We dismissed our adversaries for a paltry 190 to secure a commanding lead of 232 on the first innings.

For once we were in a position to dictate. I asked the Commonwealth side to follow-on. For a long time India had to follow on in several international matches. Now the boot was on the other foot. Not since the time when Lord Tennyson's side had followed on at Madras, had a touring side experienced such a fate.

The Commonwealth side's second innings ended for 348 leaving us to collect 117 runs for a victory. We duly achieved it for the loss of just three wickets. I was batting with 31 when the winning hit was made by Phadkar. It seemed to be in the fitness of things that Phadkar, who with his effective bowling had dealt telling blows when most needed should be there at the finish with me. As the captain I felt happy to be on the deck when we cruised to the coveted victory port.

## Coir matting

The fourth tussle of this interesting series was played on a coir matting wicket at Kanpur. This centre had not yet got a turf wicket unlike all other Test centres in India. We had a couple of matting wicket specialists in Vinoo Mankad, Gulam Ahmed and Hiralal Gaekwad. But they found a tartar in Frank Worrell. In a superb display of batmanship, Worrell collared all the bowling and was undefeated at the close with a sparkling 223. He was admirably supported by the left handed Jock Livingstone. Try as I would, I could not get Worrell to face either Mankad or Gaekwad, the two left hand bowlers whose stock ball—the one that leaves the bat to a right hander is difficult to play. Gulam Ahmed's off breaks would be leg-breaks to Livingstone, a left hander. He managed to stay away from the off-spinner as much as possible. It was a clever battle of wits, an intellectual exercise in the finer points of the game.

The Commonwealth side rattled up a decent total of 448. Mushtaq Ali for us equalled Worrell's stroke play and made an audacious 129. With good support from Adhikari and Phadkar our reply of 386 was satisfactory enough. But not my innings. Before I got my eye in, a

lovely delivery from Tribe, the specialist on left handed googlies clean bowled me for a paltry six.

I did my bit in bowling when I dismissed both the openers in their second knock. Once more the old firm of Livingstone and Worrell took root and into their 80's when they declared at 237 for three. With a draw a foregone conclusion in view of the little time at our disposal—just under two hours, some of our batmen took things lightly. The unpredictability of this queer game of cricket became apparent when we were in a sorry position soon. Our first four wickets crashed for a beggerly total of 18. A couple of wickets more and our goose would be cooked properly.

Adhikari was in a holiday mood. He thought he would not be required to bat and was dressed—not to kill but for an outing. With the side in a calamitous position, the soldier immediately changed into cricketing gear and joined me at the wickets for a rearguard action. We averted further calamity. My score of 41 not out at the close was as valuable as Adhikari's unbeaten 20.

With each side having a win apiece and sharing two draws, the series was now most evenly poised. As is usual with a touring side, the Commonwealth visitors had a few casualties and replacements. Pepper left the country after the first 'Test'. We were without Merchant and Amarnath, the latter was to go into oblivion for two seasons due to a foot injury of a recurrent nature.

The final tussle at Madras did not belie all the expectations and was packed with thrills and fluctuating fortunes. Madras had twice before proved lucky for India in 'unofficial' Tests—against Lord Tennyson's team and against the Australian services side. We were going to try for a hat-trick of wins at that centre.

The toss did not favour me and the Commonwealth side batted first to make 324. This total was largely due to Worrell, who hit up 161. Carrying on where he had left off at Kanpur, the West Indies star gave a delightful exhibition of classical batmanship. Watching Worrell perform always gives one mixed feelings.

On the one hand with every minute he becomes a thorn in the flesh of the fielding side. But even when smarting under his blows one cannot but admire his artistry. And off the field, what a man! Affable, suave and courteous, Worrell was always good company. Always immaculately turned out, he was ready to enjoy a chat and a drink with anyone (except those like me who drank nothing stronger than a cup of tea). Though he possessed strong views on many subjects he talked without giving offence. It was a cruel blow of fate which took him away from all his admirers in the prime of his life.

After a poor start in which we lost three good wickets, we staged a fair recovery. I was conscious of my dual responsibility, as a captain and as a

batman and had to do well. I got going and made the top score for our side. I was out for 77 and received excellent support from Kishanchand, whose contribution was 72. Our innings ended for 313, so at the end of the first round neither side enjoyed an advantage. We had to get the opponents out for a reasonable second innings total as we had to bat last on a wicket showing signs of aiding the bowlers.

Our bowlers ettecked manfully and achieved their goal. We dismissed the Commonwealth side for 247. This time another West Indies man, Holt held the fort together for them. He carried his bat for a dour 84. Set to make 259 for a victory, our start did not look auspicious. We lost the services of Mushtaq Ali who broke a finger and had to retire for repairs. He was always capable of knocking the bowlers off their length any time. Fortunately we had Umrigar, who had batted most consistently and well throughout the rubber. He was improving with every game.

## Useful partnership

Once again I had to bat when the things were not going well for India. I struck form and had a useful partnership with Umrigar whose share was 59 we seemed to be sailing smoothly with our total past the 200 mark and for the loss of only two wickets. Suddenly a rot set in and we lost five more wickets in quick succession. I was out for 84 when I could have settled the issue by staying a little longer.

With only the tail-enders it looked anybody's game. But then came an act of defiance from the injured Mushtaq Ali. Prompted by his mentor, C.K. Nayudu, the wounded soldier disregarded medical advice in the interest of side now in difficulties. His act of defiance was to receive its reward. Appropriately enough he sent the ball to the ropes to clinch an exciting win for us by three wickets. With this the rubber was ours too!

The Commonwealth visitors were a good side and played together as a team throughout. They were popular wherever they went. Oldfield, Worrell, Livingstone and Alley were the mainstays in batting. In bowling their trump card was Tribe, a left handed googly merchant, a rare thing in cricket. Our batting was quite consistent with Phadkar, Kishanchand, Adhikari and Mankad putting up useful scores. In the only 'Test' he played, Merchant showed his class by making 78 and 94. In the same match Modi came off for the only time in the series when he made a fifty in each innings. But that was his last good performance at the international level. Although I persisted with him in the deciding tussle he did not succeed and that virtually marked his exit from the Test scene. He faded away as quickly as he came into limelight only a few seasons ago. His short but bright career left everybody feeling sorry that it never blossomed to the full.

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# Open draw proved attractive

**T**HE Board of Control for Cricket in India broke new ground when, for the first time, it experimented with an "open" draw for the championship in 1948-49. Besides proving attractive for the participants, as they were able to face new opponents, it enhanced the entertainment value for the spectators at each centre as they had the opportunity to watch new players.

This was, perhaps, one reason that the championship created great interest in spite of the presence of the first West Indies team in India during the season. But the move in the right direction resulted in considerable financial loss to almost every association. The 1950 annual report of the Board stated "The experiment of an open draw, which was tried last year, though quite good from the cricket point of view, did not prove to be financially favourable. As such we had to revert again to the zonal system."

Before I take up the story of the season's title fight I wish to refer to the retirement of one of the most lovable cricketers who was on the scene from the start of the championship. Y.S. Ramaswami of Mysore Ramaswami, who played his last match for Mysore in 1945-46 was a stoop shouldered young man, soft-spoken and gentle in manners. He had a rolling run up to the crease. As a schoolboy Ramaswami created what perhaps was an unique record by taking all the 20 wickets of the opposing team, which, however, is an Indian record in any class of cricket till today. In 1935 playing for the Hindu Representative XI against the Maharashtra Cricket Association at Bombay he took five for 17 and six for 71. As a result of this performance, Ramaswami played for the Hindus in the Quadrangular of 1935-36.

"A fine cricketer and a great gentleman—an outstanding slow leg-break bowler with an occasional googly but a well controlled top-spinner. He could bowl for long periods without losing his length or direction. Not having the Test label attached to him people are likely to forget 'Ramu', as he was affectionately known to his good friends, but those who have known him

well, and have played with him will always remember him as one of the most gentlemanly and unassuming cricketers one can come across in the country. It was my privilege to play with and against him and I could not have wished to play with a better team-mate. To him the team always came first, the individual players afterwards." This was the tribute that Vijay Merchant paid to Ramaswami on his death in 1956 in his fortieth year. The Y.S.R. Memorial tournament of the Karnataka State Cricket Association is a standing tribute to one of the finest cricketers of the country, one whom I was privileged to know rather closely.

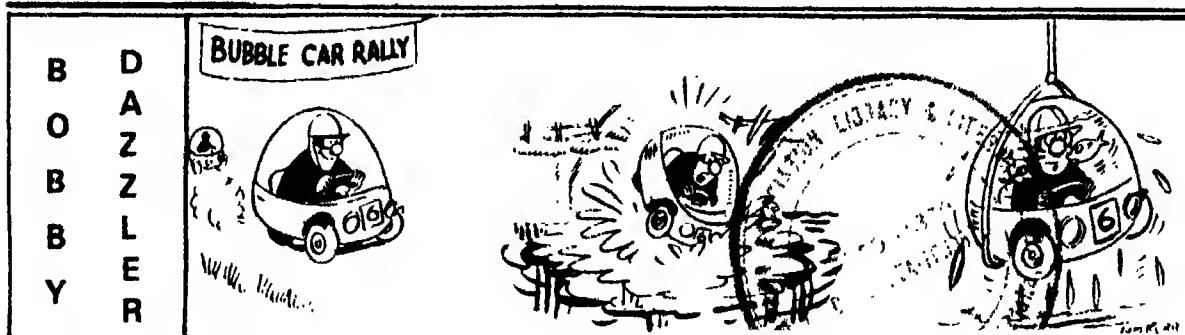
Assam made their debut in the championship and was in the half consisting of United Provinces, Mysore, Maharashtra, Kathiawar, Bombay, Bengal and Madras. The other half consisted of Hyderabad, Baroda, Gujarat, Holkar, C.P. and Berar, Bihar and Delhi. Bombay met Baroda in the final to regain the title and the trophy by winning the match by the overwhelming margin of 468 runs.

Bombay's strength lay mainly in their batting, with almost every member in good form. And they were depleted in strength by the absence of Vijay Merchant for the second successive season. K.C. Ibrahim, who led the side, with 438 runs to his credit was only behind Dattu Phadkar (570), Medhav Mantri (567) and Uday Merchant (443). Umrigar, B.R. Irani and Ramchand had aggregates of 289 and 213 and 209 respectively. Dalvi, Rengnekar and Reji assisted these main scorers. But the leading player of the side was Phadkar, who not only led the batting averages of the season with an amazing 114 but also led the bowling with 29 wickets at 21.27 runs apiece. Only next to him was Mantri, who besides his batting deeds, had a wicketkeeper's bag of 16 victims.

Only three other batsmen vied with

the leading Bombay players for honours, B.B. Nimbalkar of Maharashtra, Vijay Hazare (Baroda) and young S.D. Doodhar, talented son of Prof. Doodhar, with aggregates of 512, 433 and 485 respectively. The golden batting performance of the season came from Nimbalkar, when he hit up an unbeaten 443 against Kathiawar. As Nimbalkar was piling up the runs, enthusiasts like me were expecting him to overhaul Don Bradman's world record of 452 not out but he was deprived of the chance by Kathiawar conceding the match. The impression that the Kutchi captain, the Thakore Sahab of Rejkot, was patulent still persists. Nimbalkar was no Bradman but who would not have liked to overhaul that great man's performance? Sohami, playing for Baroda, led the bowling of the season with 33 wickets, average 15.12, while Vijay Hazare (20), spinner S. Dhanawade (27) and D.G. Choudhary (25) both of Maharashtra, also did very well with the ball.

In the opening match of the season Maharashtra defeated Mysore by 176 runs. Safi-Darashah had handed over the captaincy of Mysore to Ramdev but he proved a force in bowling when he took four for 61 and seven for 29 in the two Maharashtra innings of 327 and 157. The Mysore batsmen failed against the excellent attack of Dhanawade (seven for 104) and Choudhary (10 for 92). Choudhary and Dhanawade were again in fine form against Kathiawar, whom they dismissed for 238 runs, taking three for 72 and four for 46. Maharashtra piled up runs, thanks to the record second wicket stand of 455 runs between K.V. Bhandarkar (205) and Nimbalkar. The partnership which lasted five hours, and the plumb wicket broke the spirit of Kathiawar players. Bhandarkar's was a faultless knock of six hours, he hit 24 fours. Powerful drives, cuts and hooks marked



## Ranji Trophy

Nimbalkar's stay of 494 minutes; he hit 49 fours and a six but he gave chances at 150 and 450. With Deodhar (93) he added 242 for the third wicket. These massive efforts as well as the plumb wicket broke the back of Kethiawer who conceded the match when Maharashtra had made 826 for four wickets, the gesture after lunch on the third day providing an abrupt end.

Deadly bowling by Dhenawade, who took six for 40 and seven for 18, supported by Choudhary (four wickets for the match) brought an easy victory for Maharashtra in the semifinal against United Provinces. By steady batting Maharashtra made 396 after which they skittled out UP for 131 and 91. Earlier UP had beaten debutant Assam by an innings and 97 runs. After conceding 388 runs Assam failed against the leg-spin bowling of Inderjit and fell for 153 and 118. Inderjit took four for 63 and seven for 53.

Bombay also reached the same round defeating Bengal and Madras. Bombay declared at 574 for eight, thanks to Ibrahim (113), Mantri (117) and Umrigar, 100 not out, who were helped by a fine wicket and Bengal's poor outcricet. Only a fine innings of 85 from Nirmal Chatterjee enabled Bengal to resist Phadkar—he took five for 69 and Umrigar four for 62—to register 251 runs and save the follow on.

Bombay declared their second innings at 127 for two and Bengal, replying with 131 for four, drew the match.

Taking the verdict on their first innings lead, Bombay moved over to Chapauk to beat Madras by 10 wickets. Bombay, superior in every department, outplayed Madras, who were in the process of building up a new team. Mantri (116) and Phadkar, 134 not out, laid the basis for Bombay's good score of 433. Mantri and Irani (81) put on 208 for the second wicket. Kannayiram, right-arm medium-paced, bagged six for 43. Madras fell for 226 and following on, for 250. Phadkar got nine wickets for the match—six for 71 in the first innings—end was well supported by Umrigar, who claimed in all five wickets. Bombay then won without losing a wicket.

The semifinal between Bombay and Maharashtra played at Poona was a war of attrition lasting seven days. Bombay made 651 and 714 for eight, declared to which Maharashtra's reply was 407 and 604. There were nine centuries: Mantri (200), Uday Merchant 143 and 156, Phadkar 131 and 180, all for Bombay, M.C. Datar (143), M.R. Rege 133 and 100 and Y.N. Gokhale (146) all for Maharashtra. Bombay's leg-spinner Terapore, with six for 119 and three for 180 was the most successful bowler.

Baroda beat Holkar, the holders, in the other semifinal. Holkar never once looked a champion side, the only relieving feature of being Hiaralal Geikwad's bowling; he took seven for

67 in Baroda's first innings. Vijay Hazare with 130 runs and eight wickets for 113 runs for the match played a leading role in Baroda's victory. Earlier, Baroda had registered comfortable victories over Hyderabad and Gujarat. Bowlers dominated the Baroda-Hyderabad match, neither side reaching three figures in any of the innings. With his sharp off breaks Sohoni, taking seven for 32 and six for 34, skittled out Hyderabad for 80 in each innings, Vijay Hazare providing him excellent support. Baroda replied with 98 and 65 for two. Ghulam Ahmed bowled brilliantly in the first innings to secure five for 24. Sohoni (six for 42) Vijay Hazare (three wickets in each innings) and Shinde, three wickets for 51 in the first, were responsible in the main for Baroda's 172-run win over Gujarat.

## Marathon

After defeating C.P. & Berar on first innings scores—K.P. Kesari scored 142 and claimed six for 62 for the losers, while Mushtaq Ali hit 112 for the winners—Holkar beat Bihar by an innings and 12 runs. Sarwate, the leg spinner, harassed the Bihar batsmen and gained 10 for only 74 runs for the match. In the first he got six for 42, and was well supported by Geikwad (four for 37). The latter also scored 109 runs to record an allround performance. Bimbal Bose, six for 109, bowled well for the losers. It was due to Bose's excellent bowling, seven for 42 and four for 25, supported by an inspired spell of six for 22 by Shute Bannerjee, in the second innings that helped Bihar to overcome Delhi by 29 runs in an earlier match.

Bombay's final against Baroda, played at Bombay, was also a marathon affair of seven days. The Bombay captain Ibrahim chose the occasion to score 219 runs in a stay lasting ten hours. He hit 22 fours. Later M.M. Dalvi, scoring 110, and Ramchand (56) took toll of the tired bowlers to boost the score to 620. Sohoni and Hazare toiled hard delivering 51 and 53 overs but they were overshadowed by leg-spinner Shinde, who bowled 85 overs for a meagre reward of a wicket. Baroda started off in grand style with openers Sohoni (63) and S.K. Vichare (56) putting on 123 runs but a deadly spell by Phadkar taking four wickets in two overs for no run caused a decline, and if there was no total collapse it was entirely due to a superb knock of 98 by Vijay Hazare. Being a timeless match, Bombay did not enforce the follow on when Baroda were all out for 268—Phadkar finished with six for 49—and batted again to score 361 runs, to which Uday Merchant (70), Phadkar (63) and Ramchand (80 not out) contributed most. Sohoni bowled well to take five wickets for 86 runs. Set to make 714 runs for a win, Maharashtra could notch up only 245. But their consolation was a classic century by Vijay Hazare. There were as many as 17 fours in his 115. Phadkar got three more wickets, while Umrigar took four for 35. Leg-spinner Terapore got two for 89. This was Bombay's fifth triumph in the championship.

## THE SPORTING LIFE



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Marlborough Cricket Club's Derek Randall evades  
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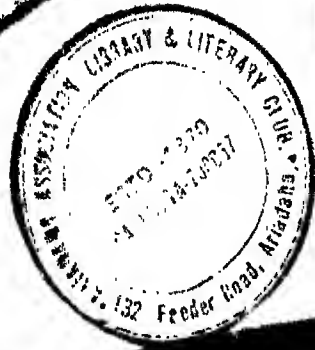
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MCC captain David Gower congratulates  
Derek Pringle after he took his second wicket  
against India at Lords

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# The Testing Years

—By B.B. Mama—

**S**ALIM DURANI (23 wickets at 27.04) and Chandu Borde (16 wickets at 28.75) spun India to a great triumph to clinch the series against Dexter's 1961-62 England team with exciting wins in the last two Tests at Calcutta and Madras after drawing the first three at Bombay, Kanpur and Delhi.

But, the euphoria at vanquishing a major cricketing power vanished with the suddenness of a thunderclap when Frankie Worrell's all-conquering Windies defeated India in all five Tests on the Caribbean tour which followed immediately after. As a wag in the Press Box remarked with rueful jocularity, "Test cricket is like a game of snakes and ladders. Up one day, down the next."

The West Indies tour was marred by a dreadful accident to India's captain Nari Contractor when he ducked into a superfast delivery from Charlie Griffith, the sickening blow behind the temple almost killing him. But this mishap gave Mansur Ali Pataudi the opportunity to become the youngest-ever captain in Test history at the age of 21 years 77 days.

In January-February 1964, Mike Smith's England team played a desultory rubber of five Tests in India, all resulting in pointless draws.

In October 1964, Bobby Simpson's Aussies were involved in a squared rubber when India snatched a sensational win at the Brabourne Stadium, Bombay, in a tight finish after losing the first Test at Madras. Any decision in the decider at Calcutta was ruined by rain.

## Interesting series

In February-March 1965, New Zealand played a very interesting series in India. Though they lost 1-0 with 3 drawn, they provided some outstanding achievements revealing their growing maturity. At Calcutta, the allrounder Bruce Taylor became the only player in Test history to score a century and take 5 wickets in an innings on debut.

Then, at Bombay, the Kiwis shot out India for 88 in under three hours, enforcing the follow-on. India fought back strongly to make an amazing recovery, Dilip Sardesai scoring a match-saving double hundred, so much so that towards the end of this topsy turvy Test, the Kiwis were hanging on for dear life to survive, the packed Brabourne Stadium seething with joyful frenzy.

A decision in the series at last came in the fourth and final Test at Delhi, when Venkat bowled India to a convincing win

with superb figures—8 for 72 in the first innings and a match aggregate of 12 for 152. Both these are still the best figures on either side in 25 Tests to date between the two countries.

Oddly enough, Venkat became only the second bowler in Test history (after Jim Laker at Manchester 1956) to dismiss all eleven batsmen of the



*Dilip Sardesai...his match-saving double hundred enabled India stage an amazing recovery after following on in the Bombay Test of 1965 against New Zealand*

opposing team in either the first or the second innings of the match.

In the winter of 1966-67, Gary Sobers brought a strong West Indies team to play a 3-Test series in India, which the Windies claimed on merit, with wins at Bombay (Clive Lloyd making a memorable Test debut 82 and 78 not out) despite Chandra's 11 for 236 in the match, and at Calcutta by an innings, despite an ugly riot, and finally, staving off the threat of defeat at Madras with a tense eighth wicket stand between Sobers and Griffith in the last session.

India lost all three Tests on the 1967 tour of England. In the first Test at Headingley, Leeds, Mansur Ali Pataudi covered himself with glory as he played a magnificent captain's knock of 148 after India followed on 386 runs in arrears to record what remains India's highest-ever total (510) in any Test against England.

The third Test at Edgbaston, Birmingham, was memorable for two reasons. It was India's 100th Test match, and it is the only Test in our cricket annals when India's four incomparable spinners Bedi, Chandra, Prasanna and Venkat played together in the same match.

India extended their disastrous run of

consecutive Test defeats to seven when they lost all four Tests in the following winter (1967-68) in Australia. But, there also, Pataudi played two marvellous knocks of 75 and 85 in each innings of the Melbourne Test, despite the crippling handicap of a hamstringing muscle injury.

In the exciting third Test at Brisbane, India needed 395 in the fourth innings to win. They made a brave effort to get those runs. They put together 356 and failed by a mere 40 runs to reach the victory target. The match is remembered for Jaisimha's amazing feat. Flown out as an emergency replacement, i.e. made 74 and 101 in this Test straight off the air-field, so to speak.

## First overseas win

The break in this losing sequence came on the successful tour of New Zealand which immediately followed, India winning 3 and losing one in the 4-Test rubber. This remains the only occasion when India has won as many as 3 Tests in a series against any country, and meritoriously enough it was our first-ever overseas win in a Test and in a series.

In September-October 1969, New Zealand paid a return visit to India, and squared the series by winning at Nagpur, after losing at Bombay. New Zealand had some justification in feeling that they were robbed of a chance to win the final Test at Hyderabad when rain came to India's rescue and no serious efforts were made by the authorities to ensure a prompt resumption in the remaining time.

A month later, Bill Lawry's Aussies came on a full tour of India to play a stormy and acrimonious series which they won 3-1 with one drawn. The first Test at Bombay was scarred by a riot sparked off by Venkat's controversial dismissal. In the drawn second Test at Kanpur, Viswanath made his unique Test debut—0 and 137. He is the only player in Test annals to boast of this unlikely 'double' of a 'duck' and a century on debut.

The third Test at Delhi was a great win for India, but full marks to Bill Lawry for a heroic batting performance—carrying his bat for 49 not out in a total of 107.

By the end of the 1969-70 season, India had played 116 Tests, winning 15, losing 49 and drawing 52. India had struggled through the rugged foothills. The towering pinnacle now lay ahead.

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# Spain prepares for D-day

**T**HE World Cup finals will take place in seventeen stadiums in fourteen centres throughout Spain. Madrid, Barcelona and Seville will be using two stadiums each, the other towns will use only one. The grounds have all been renovated to meet the standards required for the competition and some have been enlarged considerably.

Some of the stadiums are owned by clubs we have heard of through European competitions. The opening match, three second round matches and the semi-final will take place at Nou Camp, the home of FC Barcelona.

New floodlights have been installed there and its capacity has been expanded from 90,000 to 1,20,000 people, making it one of Europe's largest grounds.

## THE GROUPS

The groupings are

**Group I:** Italy, Peru, Poland, Cameroon

**Group II:** West Germany, Algeria, Chile, Austria

**Group III:** Argentina, Belgium, Hungary, El Salvador

**Group IV:** England, Czechoslovakia, France, Kuwait

**Group V:** Spain, Honduras, Yugoslavia, N. Ireland

**Group VI:** Brazil, USSR, Scotland, New Zealand

Atletico Madrid's Stadium the Vicente Calderon, has only had to have minor renovations. Its 65,695 all-seater stadium will be used for three second round matches.

The stadium to stage the final and three second round matches belongs to Real Madrid. It is called Santiago Bernabeu and has been given a bigger roof to put three-quarters of the seats under cover. All the renovation work has actually reduced the capacity from 99,000 to 90,800 people but 35,800 of these will be seated.

A special footbridge 150m long has been constructed over the Paseo de la Castellana to link the Bernabeu Stadium to the Congress Centre which will be the centre of activity for FIFA.

The bridge will allow officials and press easy access between the stadium and the centre and cause less disruption to the traffic below. It has Madrid's coat of arms on both sides and after the competition it will be dismantled.

With centres all over Spain, quite a lot of travelling is involved. Each team will have its own special World Cup bus. It will be a Pegasus 6100 with bodywork designed by the Van Hool Factory in Zaragoza.

## THE FIXTURES

13th June: Argentina v Belgium (3)  
14th June: Italy v Poland (1), Brazil v USSR (6).

15th June: Peru v Cameroon (1), Hungary v El Salvador (3), Scotland v New Zealand (6).

16th June: West Germany v Algeria (2), England v France (4), Spain v Honduras (5).

17th June: Chile v Austria (2), Czechoslovakia v Kuwait (4), Yugoslavia v Northern Ireland (5).

18th June: Italy v Peru (1), Argentina v Hungary (3), Brazil v Scotland (6).

19th June: Poland v Cameroon (1), Belgium v El Salvador (3), USSR v New Zealand (6).

20th June: West Germany v Chile (2), England v Czechoslovakia (4), Spain v Yugoslavia (5).

21st June: Algeria v Austria (2),

France v Kuwait (4), Honduras v Northern Ireland (5).

22nd June: Peru v Poland (1), Belgium v Hungary (3), USSR v Scotland (6).

23rd June: Italy v Cameroon (1), Argentina v El Salvador (3), Brazil v New Zealand (6).

24th June: Algeria v Chile (2), France v Czechoslovakia (4), Honduras v Yugoslavia (5).

25th June: West Germany v Austria (2), England v Kuwait (4), Spain v Northern Ireland (5).

28th June to 5th July: Top two teams from each group play in the second phase of the competition.

8th July: Semi-finals.

10th July: Third place play-off.

11th July: World Cup Final 1982.

[Figures in bracket denote groups]

Twenty-six of these buses have been ordered as well as twenty-six minibuses and twenty-six vans for luggage.

A lot of money is involved in arranging the World Cup. In Argentina in 1978, FIFA's turnover was just over £20 million. They estimate it will be twice that in Spain, with an expected income of £10 million from TV rights, £9 million from ground advertising, £7½ million from the sale of World Cup mascots and £12½ million from ground admission.

It is expected that an average of 55,000 people will watch each of the fifty-two matches at the stadiums and, of course, thousands of millions will watch at home on television.

There should be plenty of people in Spain in June and July and just in case all the usual accommodation is filled, ships and trains are being transformed into hotels to cope with the visitors.

## The Cup bus

**E**ACH team's bus will be painted in its national flag colours. The windscreens are over 2 metre high and each bus contains 35 reclining seats, lounge space, a bar, a fridge, T.V. set, video recorder, hi-fi equipment, night lights and a bathroom.

**T**HERE will be forty matches in the final tournament and these will be played between 13th June and 11th July. The early stages are not on a

knock-out basis, because this could mean that a team had made all its preparations and gone to a lot of expense for just one game. Each team plays at least three games. Those going on to the second phase play five games, and the top four teams play seven games.

The teams were put into the draw on 16th January and arranged in six groups of four. In each group the teams play each other once and a league table is drawn up from the results. Twelve teams will be eliminated, and twelve go on to the second phase.

The successful teams are then arranged in four groups of three and play another series of matches. The four leaders in the second phase become semi-finalists. There is a third and fourth place play-off and the World Cup Final. The winners of the Final become the new World Champions.





# World Cup Soccer...the teams

## Argentina

8th biggest country in the world.  
Population: 27 million.  
Capital: Buenos Aires—6th largest city in the world.  
Currency: 100 centavos = 1 Peso.  
Manager: Cesar Menotti—very experienced and well respected.  
Players to watch: Diego Maradona, Mario Kempes, Osvaldo Ardiles.  
How they qualified: As World Champions.  
Previous appearance in finals.  
World Champions in 1978.  
Runners-up 1930, also played in finals in 1934, 1958, 1962, 1966, 1974.  
Beaten finalists in the first World Cup finals against old rivals Uruguay.  
Host nation in 1978—5th time the host nation won the trophy.  
Registered number of footballers in the country: 2,99,896.  
Team colours: Blue, black, white.  
Alternative colours: Dark blue.

## Peru

Population: 16 million  
Capital: Lima.  
Currency: 100 centavos = 1 Sol.  
Manager Elba de Padua—Brazilian  
Players to watch Cubillas, Oblitas, Quiroga.  
How they qualified: Defeating Uruguay and Colombia and drawing the other 2 matches.  
Previous appearances in finals: 1930, 1970, 1978  
Team colours: Red and white  
Alternative colours: Red shirts, white shorts, white socks

## Chile

Population: 9 million.  
Capital: Santiago.  
Currency: 100 centavos = 1 Chilean Peso.  
Manager: Lois Santibanez.  
Players to watch: Figuero, Caszely.  
How they qualified: Defeating South American champions, Paraguay, twice to qualify. Won 3 and drew 1 of their 4 matches.  
Previous appearances in finals: Third place in 1962 when hosts.  
Other finals in 1930, 1950, 1966, 1974.  
Team colours: Red, blue, white.  
Alternative colours: All white

## Brazil

5th biggest country in the world.  
Population: 110 million.  
Capital: Brasilia.  
Currency: 100 centavos = 1 Cruzeiro  
Manager: Tele Santana.  
Players to watch: Zito, Socrates, Junior (Skillful and exciting team).  
How they qualified: Won all 4 games of their qualifying competition scoring

11 goals and only conceding 2.  
Previous appearances in finals: World Champions in 1958, 1962, 1970. Runners-up in 1950 (hosts). Third place in 1938, 1978, fourth place in 1974.  
Played in finals in 1930, 1934, 1954, 1966.  
The only country to play in every World Cup final rounds. Won the Jules Rimet Cup outright in 1970.  
Pele is the only player to collect 3 World Cup medals.  
Registered number of footballers in the country: 1,12,755.  
Team colours: Yellow, blue, white.  
Alternative colours: Blue shirts, white shorts, white socks.

## West Germany

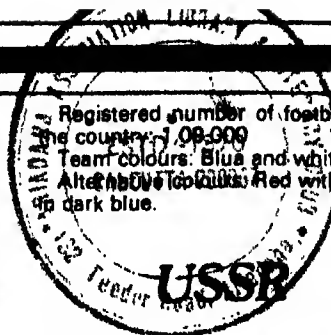
Population 61 million  
Capital: Bonn.  
Currency: 100 pfennings = 1 Deutschmark  
Manager: Jupp Derwall.  
Players to watch: Rumenigge, Breitner, Briegel  
How they qualified: Won all 8 games and scored 33 goals while only conceding 3.  
Previous appearances in finals: World Champions in 1954 and 1974 as hosts. Runners-up 1966, 3rd place in 1934, (as Germany). 1970, 4th place in 1958. Other finals 1938 (as Germany), 1962, 1978.  
Team Colours: Black and white.  
Alternative colours: Green shirts, white shorts, white socks

## Italy

Population: 56 million  
Capital: Rome.  
Currency: Lire.  
Manager: Enzo Bearzot  
Players to watch: Roberto Bettega, Paolo Rossi (very physical, hard tackling team).  
How they qualified: Runners-up to Yugoslavia in qualifying competition, winning 5 games and drawing 2, out of 8  
Previous appearances in finals: World champions in 1934. As hosts in 1938. Runners-up 1970. Fourth place in 1978. Other finals 1950, 1954, 1962, 1966, 1974.  
Registered number of footballers in the country: 8,33,564.  
Team colours: Blue and white.  
Alternative colours: White shirts, blue shorts, blue socks

## Scotland

Population: 5 million  
Capital: Edinburgh.  
Currency: 100 pennies = 1 pound sterling.  
Manager: Jock Stein.  
Players to watch: Kenny Dalglish, Graeme Souness, Steve Archibald.  
How they qualified: Won group competition winning 4 and drawing 3 of the 8 games.  
Previous appearances in finals: 1954, 1968, 1974, 1978.



Registered number of footballers in the country: 1,09,000.  
Team colours: Blue and white.  
Alternative colours: Red with stripes in dark blue.

Biggest country in the world.  
Population 256 million—3rd largest in the world.  
Capital: Moscow—7th largest city in the world.  
Currency: 100 kopeks = 1 Rouble.  
Manager: Konstantin Beskov.  
Players to watch: Oleg Blokhin, Alexander Chivadza, Dassayev, Kipiani.  
How they qualified: Undefeated in qualifying. Lead Group 3 by winning 6 and drawing 2 of their 8 games.  
Previous appearances in finals. Fourth place in 1966. Other finals 1958, 1962, 1970.  
Registered number of footballers in the country: 45,05,000.  
Team colours: Red and white.  
Alternative colours: All white

## Belgium

Population: 10 million  
Capital: Brussels.  
Currency: 100 centimes = 1 Belgian franc.  
Manager: Guy Thys.  
Players to watch: Van der Eycken, Coulmans, Van der Bergh, Van Moer.  
How they qualified: Group 2 winners in the qualifying competition, winning 5 games and drawing 1 out of 8  
Previous appearances in finals: 1930, 1934, 1938, 1954, 1978. One of the 13 teams in the first World Cup finals.  
Runners-up in 1980 European Championships  
Team colours: White.  
Alternative colours: Red shirts, black shorts, red socks.

## France

Population: 53 million.  
Capital: Paris.  
Currency: 100 centimes = 1 French Franc  
Manager: Mich Hidalgo  
Player to watch: Platini  
How they qualified: Runner-up to Belgium in Group 2 of the European competition. Won 5 games out of 8 and scored 20 goals  
Previous appearances in finals: Third place in 1958. Other finals in 1930, 1934, 1938 (hosts), 1954, 1966, 1978. One of the 13 nations to compete in the first World Cup finals.  
Team colours: Blue and white.  
Alternative colours: White shirts, blue shorts, red socks

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# The heart grieved upon what the eye saw

—By David D'Souza—

**T**HE sun breaks over the ring of mountains and as the golden rays caress the neat tidy lawns and barracks of the Army School of Physical Training, Pune 27 pugilists donned in blue and red piped track suits beat a rhythmic tattoo on the hard tarred path as they clip-clop along for their morning session exercises in their preparation camp for the 10th Asian Boxing Championship at Seoul and for the Ninth Asiad at Delhi this year.

This camp as Colonel Darshan Singh Commandant of the ASPT puts it is run on the lines of the army. Discipline and hard, very hard training is found around here and all camp probables have to adhere to this cardinal rule. Three sessions of heavy training is the norm of the day. From six in the morning to seven thirty 23 servicemen and four civilians are put through the rigors of boxing. Emphasis is stressed on conditioning of the mind, speed, strength, flexibility, quick action and explosive punches.

Om Prakash Bhardwaj, chief coach along with two assistants dish out pep talk to the sweating boxers soon after and with a break of one hour, the boxers assemble in the huge gymnasium for school boxing, i.e. theoretical training in various combinations of boxing, the perfection of various techniques, the coordination of feet movement and the art of warding and guarding against lethal punches.

Four hours after noon is ring time and the camp inmates practice what they preached upon where the stress is upon specific training, ring craft and sparring.

But the heart grieves upon what the eye sees. After the awe inspiring training schedule was witnessed I took a second leisurely and a minute look at our prospects and one noticed flaws both mental and physical in the framework of our boxers.

As Om Prakash, a boxing coach from 1968 put it, After seeing the international standards at various tournaments in and outside this country, their maturity and their technique, I have got a very big proposition on my hand right here. The boxers are not of an age where new techniques and ideas can be induced easily. The average age of my boxer is 25, and hence it will not be possible for any coach in the world, let alone me, to turn them into scientific boxers in the course of a few months. But I am trying

my very best with whatever I am given to train.

And with these few words Om Prakash has summed up the general view of the ability of the 27 boxers.

In today's fast changing world where the emphasis is on speed and lightening punches, a boxer standing in the international limelight cannot afford to wait for the opportune moment. Cannot test his opponent in the first round, cannot touch box in the second and then go all out for points or a knock out in the third and last round.

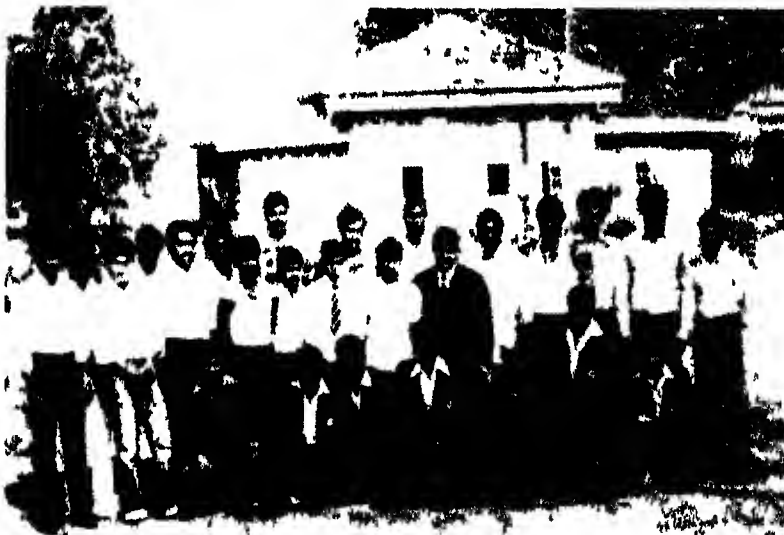
If a boxer is not on his guard from the word box, or if he just wants to feel his opponent till the last round, he is out. The prerogative today is hit and keep on hitting. And this requires intense concentration and above all stamina which is the most important factor once under the blazing overhead lights of the ring.

But at Pune, the boxers were surely lacking in all these qualities. Although nearly 22 days have passed at the time of writing, the first round is gone through rather mundanely with just aimless punches. In the second

round, rasping of the breath and more aimless hitting is witnessed and the third round brings to light the true nature of our pugilists, shuffling of tired feet, content on leaning onto the ropes and taking the beating and retaliatory punches that land everywhere but the target.

But what one notices in these bouts was the splitting of the facial skin at the slightest punch. During an evening of sparring, the referee had to stop the contest in three bouts because the boxers were medically unfit and one boxer even had to undergo two stitches above his eye. One boxer who although winning his bout had to have his knuckles X-rayed on account of acute pain and swelling at the back of his hand.

The reason must be due to heavy sessions of only shadow boxing where actual sparring is little or hardly done, and that's what the boxer suffers at Pune. What a boxer does not understand is that however good he might be, a title cut or blood above the eye in the third round, even if the points are in his favour and even if his opponent does not amount to much



The boxers in their camp at the Army School of Physical Training, Pune

will lose him the bout as the referee is certainly going to stop the contest and award the title to his weaker opponent.

Our pugilists are content at starting out in the ring at an approximate age of 21 and even after four-five years, fail to make it big in the country, forget the world.

The camp probables have also left much to be desired where physical fitness is concerned. As Ram Nivas Mirdha, deputy chairman of the Special Organising Committee for the Asian Games said "At the National Institute of Sports, Patiala, the sportsmen who were there, and still are, for the various camps were fed with the best of food, where even some top food specialists in the country remarked that the NIS was over-feeding them."

The sudden change from Patiala to the harsh and routine life at the ASPT has told upon them. Their diet is reduced to the minimum, but good quality food, wherein the body can extract the exact number of calories to keep their body weight within their own category of weights.

Today Indian sports end the aims of its various sports federations are medal oriented but the lack of a proper coaching system and the way to go about it makes the proposal unsure.

Another problem with our boxers is that they feel once they don the India colours, and once they are selected to participate abroad, they have achieved something, and even if they lose there, they don't mind because their ambition is fulfilled.

"In hockey with 11 players you only get one gold for your victory, but here in boxing, I have got twelve chances to get my country gold medals, and if medals do come India's way, it will be in boxing. But I am not optimistic about it. If it be so, I might tend to take it easy and hence will relax my attention towards my duty and my whole effort will be in vain," said Om Prakash one morning after the training session.

"Our only setback is that we don't



**Chief coach Om Prakash Bhardwaj... tough proposition on his hands**

know how the other countries boxers are faring, their different weights and who is going to fight and against whom. So we have to assume that they are going to field their very best and we work even harder. As for them, they are certainly aware of our faults and plus-points as they have got video tapings of our fights. Hence they can judge who is to meet them," he continued.

In the same breath he said "We know that we are not superior to the other boxers, but I am sure we are no less superior."

There is a note of discord in the fly weight category. B.S. Thapa and Amaldass, both Olympians are by their virtue of their weight in this category. Upon these two rest India's best chances of claiming at least two gold medals. Amaldass is just right in this category, but Thapa fits perfect in the category lower than that i.e. the light fly weight.

Thapa is cudgelled and coaxed into reducing his weight by atleast two kilograms, so as to facilitate his



**Amaldass... possesses a cruel curving hook**

staying in the light fly. But Thapa is adamant and is not budging from his stance.

He told me "Why should I go back to light fly, I want to take my chances in the fly weight because I know I am good." When reminded that Amaldass too is in the same weight, he said "It is very unfortunate."

At the selections, the selection committee will have a trying time in selecting either of these two, because only one of them will go to Seoul and for the Asiad. A pity as both the boxers are fairly good and they are our best bet to get a gold.

There is a flurry of excitement as to who will be chosen to represent India at Seoul. Of the 27 boxers who are going through the daily bouts of practice and training, only 12 will be chosen to represent the country.

The twelfth category, the super heavy weight is added for the first time in this year's Asiad and the Seoul



**B.S. Thapa... does not feel he should reduce his weight**

Championships. This weight was added when international boxing authorities realised that some boxers weighing 91 kgs and above were fighting in the heavyweight category against those with the weight of 81-82. Since the difference of weight was too vast, a new category was created.

On May 27, trials were held in a shady quadrangle to evaluate the prospects for the coming international. And for the first time one really saw them slamming away. But one felt pained to see them using some tricks in the book that are now obsolete and do not hold much water in international arena.

Their foot work lacked coordination, and some of their straight jabs would not have floored even a nunny forget about shaking a real pro. Simple rules like, for examples, blocking with your right while your left goes straight out were lacking, while the killer instinct was sadly missed. They back-pedalled in the second round while ring craft in the form of defensive weaving, ducking and quick movements were absent. Too much of wasted efforts was witnessed in punches that never landed and one felt if this is the sample of what we are going to produce at Seoul, boxing in India might as well make it's exit and close the door behind it.

In the evening after the bouts, Om Prakash, a dissatisfied look upon his countenance reviewed the bouts with the contestants saying, "you are all internationals but you don't box like internationals. If this is what you will do in Seoul, you will not go beyond the first round and that I can assure you. Put your heart out in the fight and think of the nation that is giving you this opportunity to represent her."

Om Prakash disclosed a few names that might be considered during the selection trials.

Shanmugam, YMCA champ '82 is a good boxer in the light fly category. He has a quick left-right-left and his feet coordination is good. Possessing a cool head, he can corner his opponent and belt him with all he has.

However amateurishness on his part might cause distressing results.

Nevertheless, a few days more coaching would do him good.

B.S. Thapa is another good prospect, but only if he stays in the light fly category. Thapa, '80 Olympian is a gold medallist in the mini-Commonwealth Games, silver medallist Asian Boxing Championships and bronze medallist in the Commonwealth Games. He represented India in the recently concluded Kings Cup International at Bangkok.

His short stature and his affinity towards a lot of beating, plus his exposure on the international scene makes him a very good prospect. His short fast jabs and his reflexes at judging a fast rival punch is a treat to watch.

Amaldass, Olympian, silver medallist, Asian Boxing Championship and the member of the team for the Kings Cup has a longer reach. He has a tentative right straight jab, but his left curving hook is cruel, and if connected, can have his opponent thump the canvas. However, he lets his opponents loose after a straight right and gives him time to recover. A foolish thing, one might say, when your aim is to fight for a gold not for a humanitarian cause.

G. Manoharan, bronze medallist Commonwealth Games and a member of the Kings Cup team is highly recommended for the bantam weight.

M. Xavier is a true rough and tough pugilist in the feather weight. He is the national champ '81 '82 and fought in the Kings Cup. The only thing lacking in him is finesse. The final round unfortunately revealed that he cannot last the third round, on account of his tremendous burning of energy in the first two.

There is a problem concerning one of the boxers in the feather weight. Salim Siddique, who was knocked-out in the first round of the trials by Xavier, had been told to leave the camp thrice since the Pune camp began on May 10. His attitude towards the practice sessions and his lack of a realistic view of the whole camp had

Following are few excerpts from a report by chief coach Om Prakash Bhardwaj, on the Indian performance in the recently concluded King's Cup Boxing Championship at Bangkok, Thailand:

#### Observations:

Most of the other countries boxers were very young, as for example the best boxer of this meet was a 16 years old school boy, named Wanchai Pongsri.

Most of our boxers are not interested in winning medals as they don't feel any importance towards the final victory. Our boxers need to be educated towards their duties and should be given more incentives to achieve this goal.

#### Regrets:

We were not informed about the exact date of these Championships.

No one was detailed to complete the formalities of passports, VISA colle-

ction of foreign exchange etc, which was finally done by me.

The team reported at Bangkok only two hours before the weigh-in, and were drawn to box that same evening.

The coaches expenses of travel, boarding and lodging were not met by the Institute or the IABF.

#### Suggestions

Our boxers are getting old in age and it's not possible for any coach to change their style of boxing at this stage.

Our boxers need more endurance, ability.

Most important is the incentive for the boxer who wins a medal. Without this, it will not be possible to motivate or to develop the desire of will to win in our boxers.

We should give them at least three exposures in international competitions before the Asian Games, 1982.

chief coach Om Prakash writing to the Railway Sports Control Board (Salim is from the Railways) that he is unfit for the camp and that he should not be allowed back again.

But the Railways sent him back again and even the admonishments of Om Prakash has not dented Salim's attitude, as on May 27, he was informed that he will fight against Xavier in the evening, but he retorted back by saying that he will not fight that day and will be only fighting on a later date. But only after heavy reprimands, did he fight against Xavier, where ultimately he hit the canvas in the very first 30 seconds of the first round off a vicious undercut from Xavier.

Christer Raj, YMCA '82 champ is made out to be a good prospect in the light weight, while Bakshish Singh is featured to be tops in the light welter weight. National champ for the last six years, Bakshish Singh has represen-

ted India in the Asian Boxing championships, Bangkok Asian Games, Commonwealth Games, the Indo-USSR cultural exchange programme and the Kings Cup Boxing championships. The problem with Bakshish Singh is that he lets his guard down and has no answer for a counter punch.

C. C. Macchia, national champ from '78 onwards is a right choice in the welter weight. '80 Olympian, he represented India in the Commonwealth Games, Asian Boxing Championships and was a bronze medallist in the '78 Asian Games at Bangkok. An economical boxer he has good potential in him if only he utilises his right more often, and not try for those deceptive round-houses.

In the light middle category, K.P. Chetri, National champ '81 and a India representative to the Kings Cup is a good medal prospect.

National champ '80-'81, Palwinder Singh is a good choice to bring India a gold. He represented the country in the Mini Commonwealth Games and achieved a silver medal. He was also a member of the team for the Kings Cup.

Kaur Singh is one able prospect where we are certain to get a gold in the Seoul championships and the Asiad. Kaur recently claimed a gold in the Kings Cup, and was also a gold medal winner in the Asian Boxing championships. A good steady boxer, he might score over his rival due to his good height and reach. A vicious right is his forte, and fortunately unlike most of the boxers, can last three rounds.

For the super heavy weight, Brij Mohan, National champ in the heavy weight from '78, might pull off a trick or two. Silver medallist Asian Games and bronze medallist Kings Cup, his right straight jab has a look of a pro in the ring, but his opponent might score on points due to his heavy bulk, as his movements are a trifle too slow for the liking.

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## Rowing Camp

PUNE is also the place for the third rowing camp. Rowing is one of the four new sport that are being fielded first time in this Asiad. The others are golf, equestrian and handball.

The first time the camp was held at Calcutta and then at Madras. The Pune camp is most favourable due a long stretch of about 200 metres of calm waters where there are no bends to disturb the smooth running of the training session.

Out of fifty-five probables, twenty-two were chosen, and out of these twenty-two, eleven will be chosen to represent India in the event that will be staged at the picturesque Jaipur lake, where five events will be held.

Chief coach Barun is very optimistic at India's chances of winning at least two gold medals.

He said: "Jaipur is the most idyllic

spot chosen for rowing. My boys have been putting a lot of sweat in their training, where three sessions are held everyday. I insist on physical fitness because that is where the strain will come upon. To date I have not had any reasons whatsoever to pinpoint faults in my boys."

There are eleven services men, and the rest of civilians, who are in this camp.

When queried as to who will provide the stiffest competition for India, Barun said: "We are not bothered about Pakistan. Not only chief contenders for the title will be Japan and China, and to a certain extent, Malaysia. But that does not mean that we will be tame meat. If they do win, which I hope not, it will be a victory for them which culminated from a very fighting Indian contingent."



## Today's Superstars

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*In Argentina, Diego Maradona is guarded like an art treasure; the Government provides some of the money needed to keep him in the country. In Britain, Kevin Keegan's face is as well known as the Prime Minister's, as he endorses everything from clothing to cornflakes. In West Germany, their current European Footballer of the Year, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, who earns £175,000 a year directly from football, has refused a pay rise because he thinks he gets enough already*



**Diego Maradona...grit, determination and an unsurpassed skill**

## Argentina's Diego Maradona

**B**UT even that is chicken-feed compared with the young god, Maradona, whose annual pay is at least £700,000.

Maradona was born poor, the fifth child of eight huddled in a Buenos Aires ghetto. He learned his football on the wastelands with plimsolls and tin cans. Now, at the age of twenty-one, he is rated the greatest player in the world. A number ten of such breathtaking skill and vision that the Argentine government have twice stepped in and helped raise funds to prevent him being transferred to Europe.

The Italian giants, Juventus, realizing his potential early on, bid £1 million. The Spanish Moguls, Barcelona, raised that to £3 million. The Argentine F.A., desperate to keep their glittering star at home until after the World Cup, hastily arranged government backing to transfer Maradona from his bankrupt club, Argentinos Juniors, to Boca for a staggering £5 million, at the same time providing him with a luxury house and elegant limousine.

The package pays Maradona possibly as much as £1 million a year, not bad for the lad who so treasured his first football that he slept with it cradled in his arms.

Yet even such wealth as that will not keep him in South America after the 1982 World Cup. He is hungry to extend his horizons, as befits a player known throughout his continent as 'Pelusa', the 'little Pele', a reference both to his amazing talent and to his stocky build—he is five feet six inches tall.

Cesar Luis Menotti, the manager who steered Argentina to World Cup success in 1978 and who used Maradona in his attempts to retain the title in 1982, says: 'If I had to compare him I would say he recalls a mixture of Pele and Puskas. But he is not a second of either—he's Maradona the first, his own man, and a direct heir to all the great Argentine players.'

Maradona is equally respectful towards Menotti, but relationships were far from cordial in 1978 when Menotti sensationally axed his emerging superstar from his World Cup squad. It was a painful experience for Maradona, who had known nothing but success since being snapped up by Argentinos Juniors as a thirteen-year-old and put on a daily routine of vitamins and injections to improve his build.

In 1976, ten days before his sixteenth birthday, he had made his League debut; four months later he played as international substitute against Hungary, and three more caps had followed in quick succession. Then, in the face of strong public opinion, Menotti dropped him from his final Cup squad of twenty-two. Maradona was stunned, then furious. He stormed out of the team's headquarters at Jose C. Paz.

But in a dramatic turnabout which illustrated his growing maturity he called a press conference to announce: 'Now I've had time to think about it I realize Menotti was right. I am too young. I do not have the experience to cope with the pressures of a long World Cup campaign. Next time I will...'

Menotti, delighted at the manner of the reconciliation, had already been plotting Maradona's future career.

Maradona responded to the challenge magnificently. In Montevideo he was the outstanding player of the tournament. During the opening game against Peru, which Argentina won 4-0, he scored a magical goal, dribbling three-quarters of the length of the pitch and beating five men before crashing a wicked shot inside the near post. Argentina lost the final to Uruguay—although still qualifying for Tokyo—but even the Uruguayan fans chanted Maradona's name during the match in the Centenary Stadium.

## The star

In Tokyo, for the Coca-Cola cup, Maradona was again the acknowledged star as his country carried off the world youth trophy.

Maradona returned to find the staggering Barcelona bid waiting for him. Besides the straight fee of £3 million on signing and a guaranteed salary of £700,000 a year, plus the usual fringe benefits such as housing, a car, and free international travel during his four-year contract.

That, now, is the deal which almost certainly awaits him in 1982. Says Maradona whose Midas touch lifted Boca to the League title:

'Apart from my football, I have to think of my family. There's only one thing I really want—that my father should not have to work any more. He laboured body and soul for us. If my parents asked me to give them heaven and earth, and I could, that still wouldn't be enough to repay them for the sacrifices they made. I'm just pleased that my skill with a football can provide them with some happiness.'

## Argentina's Mario Kempes

**T**HE terrible mental pressures which drove Jimmy Greaves to drink and George Best to the edge of despair have been taking their toll of Kempes.

The swashbuckling forward with the cavalier-length hair has known nothing



*The Argentinian joy...Mario Kempes (centre) the Cup hero raises his hands along with Luque (left) and Bertoni (right) after their 1978 World Cup success*

but problems since hammering home nine goals for Argentina in the 1978 World Cup and being voted player of the tournament.

Part of the trouble has been a savage series of injuries; another, more insidious, worry has been Kempes' state of mind. 'I was mixed up and saturated with football,' he said. 'After thinking of nothing but football and the World Cup for three months I needed a break. But afterwards there were all the celebrations, the parties, the interviews. I needed a long holiday, but I never had one.'

Instead, Kempes returned to his Spanish club Valencia, to a nightmare season—and accusations that World Cup success had turned his head.

'In fact the reverse was true,' he said. 'I just wanted to help Valencia win a championship as well. But I tried too hard. I was not playing at all well. I could not score goals. I trained harder, felt more exhausted. In the end it became a sort of vicious circle.'

Valencia, perplexed by their celebrity's

drastic loss of form, were relieved when the Argentine giants River Plate came in search of Kempes to counter the signing of Maradona by rivals Boca. Amid mighty fanfares, River Plate got Kempes for £1.8 million, £250,000 down, and the rest in twelve monthly instalments.

But no sooner had Kempes arrived home than the injuries began. And so did the rumours: Kempes was finished; he would never play again. A series of doctors failed to agree on his state of health and Kempes, when asked, usually replied that he was 'mixed up'.

Whether he would recover his old sparkle in time to link with Maradona in potentially the finest attack in the World Cup was a question that worried national team boss Cesar Menotti. 'It will take time,' he said. 'But I believe we can work it out.'

Kempes was equally determined. 'Argentina can win the Cup again, no doubt of that,' he said. 'West Germany and Brazil will be tough opponents but I intend to show them and the rest of the world the style of Kempes 1978 all over again.'

**David Barnes**

## West Germany's Paul Breitner

**W**HATEVER else anyone calls Paul Breitner of West Germany—and there have been a variety of descriptions over the years—his is certainly an individual. An avowed Maoist, adoptive father of a Vietnamese orphan, free-thinking and self-opinionated, the thirty-year-old rebel has always trodden his own path.

After repeated clashes with officials he announced in 1976 that he would no longer be available for selection for his country. The he changed his mind and apologized.

Breitner started his career as a skilful, attack-minded left-back, first with youth team E.S.V. Freilassing and then with S.V. Kolbermoor before moving to Bayern Munich. He was an important part of the West German team which won the 1972 European Championship, beating Russia 3-0 in the final.

In the 1974 World Cup he played a crucial role in his country's successful bid to win the trophy on their home ground. It was his pounding, long-range goal which broke the deadlock as Germany struggled in their opening match with Chile. And in the final it was Breitner who coolly scored the penalty which pulled them level with Holland en route to their 2-1 triumph.

### . First team

Earlier that same season Breitner had helped Bayern become the first Bundesliga team to carry off the European Champions' Cup, beating Atletico Madrid in a replay. But his political thinking was at odds with the Bayern Munich hierarchy, including club skipper Franz Beckenbauer and president Wilhelm Neudecker. So when Real Madrid offered £350,000, Bayern accepted.

It seemed a strange move by the Spanish giants. But Madrid's new coach Miljan Miljanic saw a more dramatic role for Breitner, the long-legged, bushy-haired loner. He lined him up in midfield with Gunter Netzer, and there Breitner was a revelation. But just as it looked as though he had another wonderful international career ahead of him in that position, Breitner made his announcement in 1976 that he no longer wanted to play for his country.

At the end of his Madrid contract, now fully qualified as a teacher of handicapped children, Breitner returned to Eintracht Brunswick in Germany. And, when Beckenbauer departed for the United States, Breitner went back to Bayern to captain them to the West German championship in 1980 and 1981.

Still his outspokenness continued. He was suspended by the national federation for criticizing referees, and in

the 1980/81 season he labelled Liverpool as 'tactically stupid'—a jibe their manager Bob Paisley used to goad his man into a Champions' Cup victory over Bayern.

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*West Germany's Paul Breitner...has carved a niche for himself in today's world of soccer superstars*

## The Seventh World Cup

1962

**FIFA membership: 104, world cup entrants: 56, grounds used: Arica, Santiago, Vina del Mar and Rancagua, leading scorers: Leonel Sanchez (Chile), Valentin Ivanov (Russia), Florian Albert (Hungary), Drazen Jerkovic (Yugoslavia) and Garrincha and Vava (Brazil) 4 each, total attendance: 7,76,000, attendance in the final: 69,068.**

**A**T the F.I.F.A. Congress in Lisbon in 1956, three countries, Argentina, Chile and West Germany, had expressed their willingness to host the seventh World Cup tournament in 1962.

The choice thus narrowed down between Argentina and Chile and at one stage the former appeared to get the nod but on a compassionate ground, the responsibility was finally given to Chile.

Brazil opened her Group III campaign against Mexico at Vina del Mar and won 2-0 with goals from Zagalo and Pele. In their next match Brazil had to remain content with a goalless draw. In this match Pele pulled a muscle and this would rule him out for the remainder of the tournament.

### Shocked

In the last match of the Group Brazil met Spain, and were shocked with a 35-minute goal from Adelardo. But Amarildo Tavares, deputising for Pele, rose to the occasion and scored two goals to put Brazil into the last eight.

Hungary meanwhile was in remarkable form and whipped Bulgaria 6-1 and assured of a quarter-final berth.

Garrincha's one leg was shorter than the other and this gave him a lop-sided look but he had incredible pace and swerve as well as deadly finishing power with both feet and for a man so small—he was five foot seven—he was invincible in the air.

To win her quarter-final tie against Brazil at Vina del Mar, England had to stop him.

But Garrincha was in his element on that day and he put Brazil ahead in the thirty-first minute. Following a corner, he outjumped the centre-half, Maurice Norman—a six foot two giant—to head home powerfully.

Gerry Hitchens, the centre forward levelled the issue seven minutes later and with Ron Springett saving a certain goal from Amarildo, the score-board read 1-1 half time.

Nine minutes into the second half and

a powerful Garrincha shot rebounded off Springett's chest and Vava dashed to head in and six minutes later, Garrincha put the issue beyond doubt with a long swerving shot that went through between Springett and the far post.

At the Carlos Dittborn stadium, Chile met Russia. The day however turned out to be a great one for the Chileans. Lev Yashin the Russian star could have normally saved both the Chilean goals scored by Sanchez and Eladio Rojas. But he was simply found wanting and even the goal from Igor Chislenko which put Russia level at one stage failed to inspire him.

It was a fascinating battle of wits between Yugoslavia and West Germany. But just four minutes from the end, right-half Peter Radakovic, a veteran from Yugoslavia's silver medal winning side of the 1956 Olympics at Melbourne, and now playing with a bandaged head, broke through a tiny gap and shot past Fabrian from about fifteen yards out.

A record of 76,594 assembled at the National stadium in the fervent hope that Chile would get past Brazil and move into the final for the first time. But the hope remained unrealised as Chile went down 4-2 to a vastly superior team after they had lifted their own game to a new height.

With all the attention of the Chileans being focussed on the Chile-Brazil tie, there were only 5,000 people at Vina del Mar when Czechoslovakia took on Yugoslavia. Schroiff defied the Slavs who put everything into the game only to go down 3-1.

Chile met Yugoslavia for the third place match. In a sensational game Eladio Rojas moved menacingly towards the Yugoslav goal in the last minute and his thirty-yard drive found the target off a deflection from Vladimir Markovic, the Yugoslav centre-half and even in this victory the Chileans found sufficient glory to go ecstatic.

The run of good luck continued for the Czechs even in the final or at least up to the 14th minute of the final. Scherer ran down the right and wrote Masopust's address on the cross he sent and the left wing-half calmly and adroitly put his left-footer past Gilmar.

But Brazilians dangerous when they are down, within two minutes of that goal came their own reply with Amarildo curving a shot past Schroiff.

Schroiff was to be blamed for letting in the goal but he could do nothing about the second Brazil scored in the 68th minute. Amarildo danced around the Czech defence, laid a perfect centre for Zito to head home in style.

Nine minutes later Brazil scored again and it was the clincher. Djalma Santos lobbed the ball into the Czech goal-mouth and Schroiff lost the flight in the blinding sun, leaving Vava to put it into the net.

Now Brazil were the winners of the Jules Rimet Cup for the second time in succession but their victory although decisive was not as brilliant as it was in Sweden four years ago.

But then how could it be with Pele waiting on the sidelines!



*Italy's Omar Sivori leaps over the prostrate goalkeeper Elsener of Switzerland in a '62 World Cup league match*

## The Eighth World Cup

1966

FIFA membership: 125, world cup entrants: 70, grounds used: Hillsborough, Sheffield, Birmingham, Liverpool, Manchester, Middlesbrough, Sunderland and Wembley, leading scorer: Eusebio Ferreira da Silva (Portugal) 9, total attendance: 16, 14, 677, attendance in the final: 93,000.

**I**MMEDIATELY after Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth declared the tournament open, England got the proceedings under way with her Group I match against Uruguay. It was a dull and boring game and England, in spite of looking the better team could not muster enough resources to break the solid Uruguay defence. A goalless draw was the inevitable result.

England were again unimpressive against Mexico. Seven minutes from half time Bobby Charlton picked up a pass in his own half, went through and hammered home a 30-yard right-footer. Roger Hunt, the workhorse, completed the tally midway in the second half.

Hunt was again the hero by scoring both of England's goals against France but the victory was achieved in a controversial manner.

This victory put England into the quarter-finals and Uruguay were the other team to join them from Group I. They beat France 2-1 and drew 0-0 with Mexico.

The first quarter-final match between England and Argentina was a disgrace to football with the South Americans adopting questionable tactics from the start. Rudolf Kreittlin, the German referee, did not help matters by his poor supervision.

Ultimately things came to a head when he ordered Antonio Rattin, the Argentine captain off the field in the 36th minute. Rattin refused and it appeared that the match, held up now for ten long minutes, would have to be called off.

Finally Rattin made the long, slow walk back to the dressing room and Argentina, technically a better side, fought magnificently with ten men but thirteen minutes from time, Geoff Hurst angled home a header from a cross by his West Ham colleague Martin Peters to take England into the semifinal.

At Goodison Park, North Korea continued their superb run of good show and went into the lead against Portugal in the first minute through Pak Seung Jin. They went on to score two more.

Then Eusebio took over and scored the first in the twenty-eighth minute, and three minutes later converted a spot kick. Eusebio again scored to restore parity.

Then another penalty followed as Eusebio was hacked down and the striker himself converted 4-3 now to Portugal and shortly after Augusto made it 5-3 and Portugal heaved a sigh of relief but when it was all over, North Korea received all the kudos.

Bad luck hit the Russians in their semi-final tie against West Germany.

There were 93,000 spectators inside the Wembley stadium and, outside

there were no less than 40,000,000 television viewers to watch the World Cup final between England and West Germany on 30th July, 1966.

In the thirteenth minute, Ray Wilson headed a cross straight to the feet of Haller who found little trouble to bang in the heaven-sent opportunity. But England equalised within six minutes, Geoff Hurst dashing in to head home a free kick by Bobby Moore.

Not much action was evident after the breather, but with twelve minutes remaining, Martin Peters put England up 2-1 with a volley off a free-kick and the Cup seemed lost as far as Germany was concerned. But with less than a minute to go, Jack Charlton was penalised outside the penalty area and Weber drove home off the free-kick taken by Emmerich.

Alan Bell sent Hurst through to score in the 10th minute of extra-time. The shot cannoned down off the underside of the bar, bounced down behind goalkeeper Hens Tilkowski before being cleared away by Wolfgang Overath.

The referee, Dienst of Switzerland blew for a goal but the linesmen, Bakhranov of Russia waved his flag. Was it a goal? The referee thought it was, the linesman thought likewise—his flag was for off-side about which the referee was clear in his mind—but the Germans remained unconvinced.

So the match began again and as if to answer the doubters, Hurst received a pass from Bobby Moore—most defenders would have kicked the ball out but Moore was no ordinary defender—and galloping down the entire length of the pitch he crashed home his third goal of the final. Soon it was all over.

DEBABRATA CHOWDHURY



Was it a goal? ... Roger Hunt exults as Geoff Hurst's (not in pic.) shot beats the diving West German goalkeeper Tilkowski to come down from the underside of the bar



## Soccer...Bandodkar Gold Trophy

# Dempo to the fore

**T**HE 1981-82 football season in Goa has almost come to an end with the finals of the Bandodkar Gold Trophy tournament that was suspended long back on Goa Liberation Day i.e. December 19.

Dempo won the dull final beating Salgaocar by three goals. Salgaocar, the last years winners were without the services of two of their outstanding players, goalkeeper Brahmanand and dependable stopper Anthony Rebello, both of whom along with Ashok Fadte of Sesa Goa have been included in the Seoul bound Indian team.

Camilo Gonsalves rounded off Dempo's tally after Dionisio Trindade had scored a beautiful second goal in the second half. Dempo's first goal was a gift from Anthony, but the man who was mainly responsible, for it was stopper Oscar Rebello who failed with a clearance. It was Oscar again who paved the way for the third goal.

Anthony's absence has weakened Salgaocar's defence considerably. It was indeed very brittle in the final. All the defenders including the seasoned campaigner Oscar Rebello made weak clearances and this gave Dempo a distinct advantage. Salgaocar's attack also lacked the thrust and the speed which are usually their hallmarks.

Dempo, on the other hand were definitely stronger in every department of the game. Their goalkeeper Engenio Cardozo displayed a safe pair of hands and the defence with veteran left back Socorro Coutinho playing a cool and calculated game, was always reliable. But on the whole it was Salgaocar's disappointing display that was responsible for their downfall. Their defence in particular was pathetic.

Dempo who had prevailed over Vasco by the odd goal in three in the first leg played at Vasco managed to share two goals with the crowd pullers in the second leg at Panjim with their equaliser coming three minutes from the end.

The second leg battle failed to produce exciting football. Stopper David D'souza helped Vasco wipe out the first leg deficit in the 26th minute of the second half. But with only three minutes to go for the final whistle and when the tie breaker seemed most likely to be resorted to, Dempo secured their match winner through Dionisio Trindade who was left completely unmarked by the Vasco defenders.

Dempo thus made the Bandodkar final for the sixth time, earning a draw in the second leg. Vasco, a young side which may take another season or so to develop into a strong unit made the seasoned Dempo struggle for an entry into the final. Their indomitable former left winger Dominic Soares has now

taken over as their coach and he would be well advised to take two good forwards in the team.

Salgaocar defeated Marmagao Port Trust in the tie breaker in the other semifinal. Neither Salgaocar nor MPT held the advantage for the second leg as the first leg had ended in a one all draw. But MPT who put up a better show in the second leg had themselves to blame for their failure to make the Bandodkar final for the first time. Striker Bobby who has notched several match winners for MPT this season put them in the lead in the 20th minute of the first half when he got past the Salgaocar defender Mariano and sent in a beautiful grounder. Salgaocar goalkeeper Sanjeev dived in vain to save the situation for his side.



*The victorious Dempo team pose with the trophy*

MPT were definitely a better side in the first half which could have settled the issue in their favour had Bobby not muffed two good chances that came his way soon after scoring the goal.

If Salgaocar showed signs of sensible play it was only in the last fifteen minutes when they obtained their precious equaliser through Lector. With defeat staring them in the face their skipper Andrew Banto who was handicapped by a leg injury spear-headed their attack manfully and initiated some delightful moves. It was off one of his moves that Salgaocar struck parity seven minutes from the end. While Oscar, Jose, Ignatius, Leopold and Sanjeev converted the spot kicks into goals for Salgaocar, only Lawrence, Menino and Chandrakant met with success for MPT.

The second leg encounter between Dempo and Vasco was to be played at Panjim on December 19 and the finals would have been held on December 22. But a section of the football fans in Vasco did not allow the Vasco team to proceed to Panjim where there was a crowd of over 7,000. The organisers took an extraordinary decision to suspend the tournament indefinitely.

The tournament this season clashed

with Bombay's Rovers Cup with the consequence that the Bombay teams could not turn up and the Goa teams also had to miss the Rovers. As such both the tournaments were badly affected. It was perhaps the poorest edition of the Bandodkar tournament which was started in 1969.

Aryans, Bengal Nagpur Railway, Kidderpur, George Telegraphs (all from Calcutta) South Central Railway (Secunderabad) and H.L.A. (Bangalore) were the only six outstation teams. Barring South Central Railway and Kidderpur the rest of them failed to qualify for the quarter final league.

Salgaocar and Dempo were the two contestants from Group A to reach the last four stage. The former topped the

group by virtue of their solitary goal win over Dempo, collecting 5 points from 3 matches. The only point that Salgaocar dropped was against South Central Railway who lost to Dempo. Both Salgaocar and Dempo had no difficulty in beating Kidderpur. Vasco won all the three matches to top Group B from which MPT was the other side to make the semifinals.

Prior to the resumption of the Bandodkar tournament Vasco had won the Taca Goas defeating Sesa Goa by a lone goal. Sesa defeated Salgaocar via the tie breaker to make the final. While Sesa won the first leg 1-0, Salgaocar won the second leg by a similar margin. Vasco trounced MPT 7-1 on the aggregate in the first semifinal after the latter had scored a shock 1-0 victory over Dempo in the quarter finals.

For MPT it was the season's second victory over Dempo, the earlier one having come in the super league. The two had shared four goals in a league match.

MPT, the Super League runners-up to Salgaocar deserve a special pat on the back for their fine showing during the season which brought them two victories against Vasco and one against Salgaocar.

**AJIT P**

## Glaring disparity in skill

**D**ISPARITY in skill at the 36th National Women's Hockey Championship at Kerala was glaring. That was why Railways cruised to their third successive triumph. Not one of the teams could pose much of a challenge.

That Punjab too were vanquished without adequate opposition underlines the fact that the game is not getting the attention required for its uplift. Of course Punjab were without their star striker, Rajbeer Kaur, whose tremendous striking power is nothing short of phenomenal. She has veritably the whiplash thrust.

The team to take everybody by storm was Kerala. Two strikers with a wealth of skill, Stella and Kumari Geethe, played havoc with defences. Punjab's pivot Kuldeep had her hands full containing Stella in the semifinal. But in the ultimate reckoning it was the penic in the Kerala defence which turned the tables on Southern aspirations for a coveted place in the final. Rona Roy and Ajitha Kumari, the two heavier built deep defenders, were not as proficient as Stella, Geetha or for that matter young left half Sarawathi. Courageous and industrious Subaida, a pivot of no mean calibre, worked herself to a standstill in the Kerala defence. The selectors should keep an eye on this girl too.

Bombay was the young side to watch. There is no parochiality involved here because they offered the most promising talent—nine talented young players whose worth will be seen in the Junior Nationals at Gwalior. Railways' coach, Satinder Pal, is a talent spotter and he has ideas of absorbing three of these young girls in the Railways' side. And it will certainly be a worthwhile bargain.

Angela D'Sa's goal against Haryana was one of the best in the competition. She dribbled up and beat three defenders in the process before finishing with a deft angular. Like Angela, Happy Phul and Resita Fonseca the tomboyish half-back, offers great potential. Donita D'Mello and Lillian Netto were also full of discerning skill.

Bombay neighbours from across the Ghats, Maharashtra, also had a predominantly young complement of players. But they were not so talented. Waheeda, in deep defence, and Nazleen Medraswelle tried their best to pull their weight. But that was not enough. Yet their girls too should develop into a better unit now that the Women's Hockey Association of Maharashtra is out to raise women's hockey by grooming their youth.

Gujarat did not fare so well—they never won a match. But what impressed was that they played constructive. There was no haphazard play from any side. They have picked up the finer

points of the game. If they keep on in the same vein with additional workloads they will certainly come up with better performances in the near future.

Delhi was one of the better sides though both Pepsu and Haryana have fallen off considerably in skilful play. But Delhi relied too much on the individual thrust of Kalpana Joshi. And that was asking too much to give them victory in the semifinals especially against a team of the calibre of Punjab whose Prithipal and Rajwant Kaur were forceful strikers. Kuldeep was conspicuously efficient in the intermediate line.

Railways performed as per expectations. They were more than a cut above as should have been with them being a full India side. But their penalty corner conversions were inadequate. Both Gangotri Bhandari and Sudha Chaudhary could not come up with piercing shots. No doubt the surface was not

conducive for good stopping. They were guilty of not looking up to direct their shots at goal.

Kiron Sharma was the Railways' star striker. Her runs on the flank were swift. But her finishing was her most potent weapon from which goals emerged fluently inasmuch as Selma D'Silva revealed her characteristic flair to finish top scorer.

When a National Championship draws up potential in a large way then we could say that the competition has served its purpose. The Kerala National did that. Younger players were shown up in their true perspective and others like Stella, Geetha Kumari, Subaida, Kalpana Joshi and Kuldeep revealed pleasing individual skill to suggest that women's hockey is not bereft of good stuff.

JAYCEE

## What ails the GWHHA?

**G**OA is fighting recognition. They feel the All India Women's Hockey Association has been playing ducks and drakes with them for two years now. They play, they pay the fees. But their elected state body is not being accepted.

At a press conference in Goa, Harculano Dourado, a ruling party M.L.A. and president of the Goa Women's Hockey Association said: "We are bent on promoting the game in our state. We have coaching schemes and state-appointed coaches imparting training to 15 schools in Goa along with free kits and sticks to all trainees. But with all that we are doing for hockey the AIWHA ignores our request for recognition."

Dourado stated that Goa participated at Indore thanks to the generosity of Mathura Prasad, AIWHA executive member and organiser of the event at Indore. "No Nationals for us at Ahmedabad. We were not invited", he added. Again here at Calicut, the Kerala body invited Goa. "At both Indore and here," Dourado said, "the organising bodies were advised to keep us out." The instructions it seems came from Kartar Singh. Whether true or not, both Mathura Prasad and T.P. Balakrishnan, the AIWHA treasurer from Kerala, did not deny this fact. But with no follow-up from the AIWHA on this issue, Goa had been allowed to participate. They may again be blacked out as it happened at Ahmedabad. There was no invite for them too for the Junior Nationals starting at Gwalior next month. Once again Mathura Prasad has obliged. He accepted Goa's entry in Calicut.

One has to go a decade back to understand this problem which faces Goa today. The association was formed

in 1972 with Sashikala Kakodkar as president, Aniceto Fernandes as secretary and G.S. Vaglo the treasurer. Goa staged the 1975 Nationals. After this event came all the mudda. The treasurer, Dourado said, had not submitted accounts. Funds were collected for a souvenir which was not published. And hockey for all purposes was dead until the Sports Council decided to resurrect this body. Dourado was appointed administrator to go into all the happenings. Up to date Dourado has sought audience with Vaglo on or more than 15 occasions. The former Goa treasurer has never been available to discuss the issue.

The irony of the whole episode is that the AIWHA only recognises Vaglo as the secretary to whom they address all correspondence concerning matters about Goa hockey. When the newly elected body was formed in 1981 Dourado wrote to the AIWHA and submitted the names of the office bearers. But nobody acknowledged his letters. He met Reeta Sathi, the AIWHA secretary, in Delhi. She told him to see Vaglo first. He met Reena Mukharji, the president, in Jaipur. Yet there was no way out of the deadlock.

On February 2, 1982 came a letter from Reeta Sathi to Vaglo and a copy to Fatima D'Souza, the GWHHA secretary, asking whether a change of office bearers had taken place. Also there was, in that letter, a note for Fatima D'Souza asking that the old secretary ascertain the new committee.

The GWHHA will have to resurrect Aniceto Fernandes—he died many years ago—if the AIWHA is to accept them. That the AIWHA should come

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# Spinning to success

**T**HE Scots were sitting pretty. With a match-winning 9-4 lead in the second game after pocketing the first comfortably, Billy Gilliland and Dan Travers appeared to be coasting along the high road to victory, and what would be their first All-England men's doubles title. And, despite almost imploring pleas from the fairly sizeable contingent of Malaysian spectators in the packed stands of the Wembley Arena, the teenaged Sidek brothers seemed to be sliding inexorably into the black abyss of defeat.

At this point, Travers got an indifferent sideline decision which made him very unhappy indeed. He had every reason to feel that way, for the score would have advanced to 10-4 in their favour. Instead, it was service-over. Big Dan made the fatal mistake of allowing his concentration to lapse a bit as he mentally muttered foul imprecations at the offending linesman.

Little Razif, 19, sporting a crewcut and wide innocent-looking eyes, moved in to serve. Holding the shuttle upside-down, he used his backhand to move the strings of his racket lightly across the feathers, rather like a caress. The shuttle crossed the net, spinning wildly, behaving in a manner no shuttle has a right to. Travers, still mumbling under his breath, nets the return.

It is to be the point of no return for the doughty Scots. That shuttle responds especially favourably to the famous (or infamous) 'Sidek service'. Each delivery is a vicious, spinning 'service' that defies handling. In a trice, the scores are deadlocked at 9-all. Gilliland tries a change of shuttle, but by this time, the Scots have begun to view each delivery with morbid suspicion, and the Sideks are putting everything they have into the slice. The Malaysians are also defending superbly, switching to attack at the first possible opportunity. The psychological pressure is squarely on Gilliland and Travers.

Parity is restored, with the brothers bagging the second without conceding a further point. The decider is much closer, with the Scots having recovered some composure. But after 7-all, the youngsters from Kuala Lumpur raise their game; in no particular rally, they return more than 20 hot smashes, and gain the point.

And when the brothers won the 50-minute match off their fourth match-point at 15-10, a swarm of Malaysian spectators invaded the court and carry off their heroes who have brought the coveted All-England crown back to the land of Wong Peng Soon, the Choong brothers, the Ten Aik brothers, Gunalan, and so many more illustrious shuttlers.

"We hardly expected to be the 1982 All-England doubles champions", admits Razif, with refreshing candour. "Jalaini and I were playing well, but there are so many good pairs at the top today. We had not won a major title in 1982, though we came close on a couple of occasions. So at Wembley, we were just concentrating on doing our best. We were lucky."

The brothers had mentioned to each other on court that the title seemed to have slipped from their grasp when their rivals had the vital 9-4 lead. "I told Razif to make one final all-out effort", says Jalaini. "we got a favourable shuttle; our service began working, and we got some good points with our defence. We gained in confidence. After we had won the third, I knew we were not going to let the decider get away from us."



Jalaini (left) and Razif Sidek of Malaysia

A large measure of their success can be attributed to their reverse spin serve, which the three brothers developed in 1978, and unleashed on an unsuspecting world in late-1979. It was the eldest amongst the three, Misbun, who was particularly adept at it, but the younger lads caught on quickly.

The delivery took the 1980 All-England by storm. Misbun gave former world champion Flemming Delfs of Denmark a harrowing time in the singles, taking the first game before the hefty Dana asserted himself in the next two. That service really gave trouble. If you tried to tap it, it crashed into the net. If you tried to raise it to the baseline, it would swerve off the court, and even onto an adjacent court! The occasional bird did not spin all that much, you could then take it a couple of inches off the floor, send it back, and pray it reached as close to the baseline as possible.

Razif and Jalaini, playing their first All-England, elbowed out pair after fancied pair. Amongst those to fall were

the 1977 champions, Thomas Kihlstrom and Bengt Fromen, who were totally at sea against the serve. Fromen came out strongly against the serve after the match, asserting that it gave the server an unfair advantage, and that it would ruin the game. The young Sideks managed to beat Kertanto and Rudy Heryanto as well, before falling to the rich experience of Tjun Tjun and Johann Wahjudi in the semifinals. But it must be recorded that even the six-times All-England champs had plenty of bother with the serve before they asserted themselves.

The Sideks come from a middle-class family from Selangor. Misbun, No.2 in a long list of five brothers and two sisters, was born on 14th February 1960; and was followed by Razif (29th May 1962) and Jalaini (10th November '63). Interest in badminton ran in the family, with their father being a reasonably good club-level player. It was initially under his coaching that the brothers learnt to play. Razif and Jalaini started almost together, in 1972.

Malaysia is a badminton-mad country, so opportunities for playing were plenty. The brothers played together from the start, and developed fine understanding. Soon, they were too good for all-comers in Selangor, and were spotted as prime prospects for Malaysia's Thomas Cup squad. Several fans of the game still lived in the fifties when Malaysian badminton was on top of the world, and urged the Sideks to aim high.

They did. Winning the national championship of their country was the next step. They honed their defence so it could withstand anything that their opponents could hurl at them. Despite their stockiness, they developed fairly good smashes. Jalaini, especially, used the three inches of height (at 5' 8") he had more than his brother, to get more steepness in the smash.

While they hit the limelight at Wembley in 1980, their first major international win was in the Taiwan International in 1981. This year, while defending their title, they lost to England's Mike Tredgett and Martin Dew, and vowed revenge. They had their chance in the Malaysia-England Thomas Cup clash in May this year.

Today, all three brothers are considered the cream of Malaysia's team, and are ensconced in the centralised training centre for the national team at Kuala Lumpur. Even after winning the All-England doubles crown Razif modestly said, "We will have to work hard to make the country's

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**T**HREE-YEAR-OLD form went com-  
plately awry during the last weekend  
in Bangalore and the fond belief that the  
results would clear the picture of the  
forthcoming Fillies Trial Stakes was  
bafled as the images went out of focus  
and have become distorted.

Following the total eclipse of  
Aristocratic earlier in the season, it was  
hoped that Scintillation who was  
contender in the Class III Sukh Dashan  
Stud Plate and Tribute and Ability who  
were high in the scale in the two  
divisions of the Class IV Kolar Cup  
would justify their handicap ratings. All  
failed badly and the confused student of  
form is back at square one.

As was to be expected, Scintillation, a  
grey by Red Indian of Mister Mauritius-  
Uma was backed down to half money in  
the field of seven as she had won from  
the last two of her three starts in the  
winter. She showed the way to the six-  
year-old Gold Bear soon on entering the  
straight at which stage, Gold Bear, who  
had hit the board but once in ten outings  
in the winter, shot clear and went on to  
win by two and a quarter lengths from  
Pieaget who got up late to beat  
Scintillation into third place by one  
length. This was a most disappointed  
performance by the grey who, like all the  
animals, trained by R. Byramji looked a  
picture in the parade.

If the performance of Scintillation  
was a sore disappointment, that of  
Tribute and Ability were more so.  
Tribute a Gotabroad by Distant Land.

## Scintillation disappoints

Broma who was unbeaten in two starts  
seemed a winner on looks alone in the  
upper division of the Kolar Cup. Jagdish  
kept her a handy fourth—and moved in  
front taking the home turn. But midway  
in the straight, Carlos, a three-year-old  
colt by Young Lochinvar-Georgian Gem  
strode past her without much difficulty  
and went on to score by two and a half  
lengths. This performance enhanced  
the classic claims of Carlos, although he  
cannot as of today, compare with either  
Camino or Almagest but it certainly  
caused students to take a fresh look at  
the chances of Tribute.

Even worse was the showing of  
Ability who is by Boor-Shiraz-Heavens  
Hope. She was never in with a chance in  
the lower division of the Kolar Cup and  
ultimately finished four lengths and a  
short head behind the winner Rere  
Edition, who made her own running. In  
fact her lesser fancied stablemate,  
Sweet Pleasure filled the role of a  
runner-up.

With these contenders for the Fillies  
Trial having failed so badly, there will be  
a strong temptation to lean towards the  
Nilgiris Derby winner Birthday Girl for  
the Classic. However a word of caution. It  
will be impudent to do so as a good  
horse and Aristocratic Tribute and  
Ability are good ones, cannot be  
discarded on the basis of one bad run  
and in any case the Fillies Trial is a good  
three weeks away.

A long recent lean spell has cost  
Karansingh his rating as being amongst  
the three best riders in the country. He  
proved last Saturday that is far from the  
case when he brought off splendid  
treble through Julius, Sun Lion and  
Carlos and even the most casual  
observer must have appreciated the  
artistry and the power of his efforts on

Julius and Sun Lion which made their  
victories possible, especially as on Sun  
Lion, he beat Shinde on Lady of  
Turquoise and on Julius he triumphed  
over Robin Corner.

Sun Lion was ignored in the betting  
for the Class I 1,600 metres Pune Plata  
as support came for the most recent  
Calcutta Derby winner Royal Mantle  
and Lady of Turquoise. This was to  
underrate the seven-year-old son of  
Voluntary-Major Barbara, who has  
raced in the highest class for the last  
four years and who won thrice and was  
second, once in five outings in Calcutta.

Being nearer last than first as Queen  
of Hearts made the running, Sun Lion  
came with a Strong stretch run, collared  
Lady of Turquoise opposite the stands  
and swept on to a splendid one length  
victory. Easter Parada was a promising  
late third and Queen of Hearts held  
fourth position but it is this column  
view that although the trip was perhaps  
short for Royal Mantle, he was not fully  
stretched and it is patent, that his  
objective is the 2,000 metres Karnataka  
Sub Area Cup which is scheduled for  
June 13. Readers will do well to mark  
the date in their diaries.

## Commendable

Carlos beating of Tribute when  
placed just one kilo below her in the  
scale was most commendable and this  
was the third win of her career. He has  
scope for further improvement and the  
indications are that he will be very much  
in the Classic picture. The same,  
however, cannot be said of Julius who  
snatched the stiles of the 1,200 metres  
Varanasi Plata in the very last stride  
from The Fury for his maiden triumph. It  
was apparent that had Corner been a  
stronger finisher, than he is, The Fury,  
who is nothing much which is evident  
from the fact that he was getting nine  
kilos from Julius, would have gained the  
day.

There is a school of thought which  
believes that the handicapper should  
not be guided by the figures sent to him  
by the handicapper of the centre where  
a horse last raced. This view has been  
propagated by the low rating in Madras  
by many horses carrying the colours of  
M.A.M. Ramaswamy. That these  
animals are apparently underrated is  
evident from the manner in which they  
are treating the opposition in Bangalore  
when they have been backed down to  
impossibly short odds although they  
have little recent form. However it is not  
possible but it is possible for the  
racer to follow the money on such  
horses for when the money is on, they  
seldom lose.

For the immediate present it will be  
advisable to follow the fortunes of  
Persian Bold, Prince Goolagong, Vijay  
Nishan and Red Lion.

## The Sideks

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team for the Thomas Cup, we are not  
certain for selection."

Razif works as an officer in a  
quasi-government organisation, while  
Jalaini is a technician. Their job hours  
are perforce limited, for their main  
vocation today is the pursuit of  
badminton. The few free hours that they  
get are spent reading novels and visiting  
the cinema. All three brothers are rabid  
fans of the movies; having a large  
friends' circle, the Sideks are a familiar  
sight at the Kuala Lumpur theatres.

Even as this is being written, comes  
news of the banning of the 'Sidek serve'  
by the International Badminton Federa-  
tion. There is understandably some  
heartburn among the Sideks, for it is  
their baby that has been throttled.  
Misbun, most of all, is very bitter at the  
decision which he considers hypocritical.

"When everyone, all over the world, is  
using the serve, there seems no reason  
to ban it. It is ironical that Denmark, of  
all nations, should have proposed the

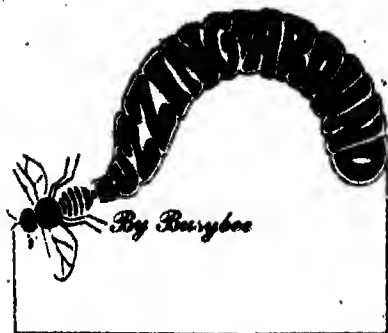
ban, Fleeming Delfs has gone on record  
as saying that he and Steen Skovgaard  
would not have beaten Sun Zhian and  
Yao Ximing in the China-England  
Thomas Cup match recently, but for the  
'S' service!"

The ban will, however, stay; and the  
Sideks will have to bite the bullet. From  
September 1 this year, the serve will  
have passed into history as a temporary  
aberration on the fair face of the game.  
Now the Sideks will have to depend on  
their basic badminton skills in an effort  
to retain the unofficial world title they  
won at Wembley this year.

Or will they?

There is a Parthian Shot from the  
Sideks. Misbun says, "We are  
developing another deadly service, and  
will soon be ready with it." If they can  
achieve even half the success they had  
with the raverse spin delivery, the Sidek  
brothers from Malaysia will continue to  
bamboozle the world's top players by  
controlling the behaviour of the bird at  
the start of each rally!





**M**OST officials, accompanying the Indian hockey team on its disastrous two-match tour of Dubai, have said that the team played quite well but was beaten by the AstroTurf, which it is not used to.

The logical conclusion to which is that the Indian team should practice more on AstroTurf surfaces before the Asiad. I am happy to announce that the authorities have taken this into consideration and have made all preparations.

An official of the Indian Hockey Federation was telling me: "From now on it is going to be nothing but AstroTurf for our team. By the time of the Asiad, nobody connected with hockey in this country

will be even aware that there is anything other than AstroTurf".

"I am happy to hear that," I said.

The official continued: "All practices for the team will be held on AstroTurf. Also, all local tournaments that the Asian Games players may participate in will be on AstroTurf. If the



association holding the tournament does not have AstroTurf, then our team will be withdrawn."

"Fair enough," I said.

The official said: "Core will be taken to lay AstroTurf in the team's dressing-rooms, so that the team members have a feel of the surface before they actually enter the playing surface."

"Very wise," I said.

"Yes," said the official. "The dormitories at the National Sports Institute, where our probable candidates are lodged, will have AstroTurf so that when they get up in the morning, they will be stepping on to AstroTurf. It has also been decided to have their mattresses stuffed with the artificial turf. In that way, if they dream of hockey, they will dream they are playing it on AstroTurf."

"Good," I said.

"No efforts will be spared to familiarise our players with the artificial surface," the official said. "The dining-rooms, drawing-rooms and other areas likely to be used by the players will be suitably laid. Also, in between camps, when the players go home, each player will be provided with a small piece of AstroTurf to sit on and generally use at home."

"You have thought of everything," I said.

"Yes," said the official, "from now on, our Asian Games team will eat, drink and live on AstroTurf."

"Tell me," I said, "if after all this we still lose the Asiad to Pakistan, what do we do then?"

"Then we find some other excuse for our poor performance," the official said.



**Vs New Zealand:** Won eight out of 22 lost four and drawn 10

**Q** WHAT is the Test record of Pakistan's Asif Iqbal?

—S Ghavri (New Delhi) and Nisar Ahmad Derzi and Bashir Ahmad. (Anantnag, Kashmir)

**A** ASIF IQBAL played in 58 Tests. In 99 innings, seven times not out, he hit up 3,575 runs at an average of 38.85. He scored 11 centuries and 12 half-centuries, with 175 against New Zealand as his top score. He also sent down 3,864 deliveries, 181 maidens, and claimed 53 wickets for 1,502 runs at an average of 28.33. Held 36 catches.

**Q** WHAT is the record of former England wicketkeeper Roy Swetman?

—Gopi Ram Singhal, (Hapur, Meerut)

**A** IN 11 Tests, Swetman held 24 catches and effected two stumpings. He played 17 innings, twice not out, and scored 254 runs at 16.93. His top score was 65, his only half-century.

**Q** DOES the Bombay Cricket Association publish any book on local cricket?

—S.P. Qaiser, (Delhi-6).

**A** IT only brings out a booklet giving the complete fixtures, along with the venues and the names of the umpires for the Kanga League, the prestigious inter-club competition played during the monsoon.

**Q** WHAT is our national game?  
—Uttam Mitra, (Ranchi)

**Q** HOW many Tests have India played against England, Australia, the West Indies, Pakistan and New Zealand? What are the results?

Saikat Sankar, (Calcutta-23)

**A** INDIA, who will be completing 50 years in Test cricket this summer, have played 64 matches against England. India have won eight of them, lost 27 and drawn 29. In England, India have so far won only one of the 29 Tests played and lost 19.

The record against other countries.

**Vs Australia:** India have won eight out of 39 Tests, lost 20 and drawn 11.

**Vs West Indies:** Won five out of 43 lost 17 and drawn 21.

**Vs Pakistan:** Won four out of 24, lost three and drawn 17.

**A** HARD to tell but cricket is our national obsession.

**Q** WILL records set up on a multi-bend track be recognised or not?

—Tarun Kr. Banerjee, (24 Parganas, W.B.)

**A** CERTAINLY There is nothing in the rules specifying the kind of tracks on which records set up can be recognised and it is more difficult to establish a new mark on a multi-bend track than on a conventional one.

## What ails GWAH...

From P 40

spond with Vaglo smacks of dirty politics. He has never been the secretary. Why do they persist in this incorrect assumption?

Anyone would be happy to encourage an association doing something for the uplift of women's hockey which is sinking to a new low. As it is the AIWHA's contribution in this aspect has been nothing to boast about. None of the women officials have felt it necessary to watch the Nationals here. One would expect that the AIWHA should welcome the Goa body rather than discourage them.

The Goa Sports Council has sanctioned Rs. 40,000 to produce women players. The AIWHA is doing them an injustice in this matter of recognition. According to Dourado, Vaglo has no locus standi. The Sports Council is going to seek an inquiry into the GWAH accounts issue. The findings will certainly be interesting. All the more so because G.S. Vaglo has recently been appointed the treasurer of the Indian Hockey Federation which is facing an upheaval today.





**T**HE Mar-del-Plata International tournament sponsored by the Argentine newspaper "Clarín" was won by the Netherlands grand master Jan Timman with 9½/13 ahead of Portisch (Hungary) 8; Karpov (USSR), Barga (ARG) and Seirawan (USA) 7½.

This game was played in the tournament

#### PORTISCH-TIMMAN

1.d4, Nf6 2.c4, e6 3.Nc3, Bb4 4.e3, c5 5.Bd3, Nc6 6.Nf3, Bxc3 7.bxc3, d6 8.e4, e5 9.h3, h6 10.Be3, b6 11.00, Qc7 12.d5, Ne7 13.Nh4, g5 14.Qf3, Nfg8 15.Nf5, Nxf5 16.exf5, Nf6 17.g4, Ba6 18.Qd1, e4 19.Qa4ch, Kf8 20.Qxa6, exd3 21.Qa4, Re8 22.Rae1, Qb7? 23.Qd1, b5 24.Qb1, Re4 25.Qxd3, Rxc4 26.Rd1, Kg7 27.f3?, Qe7 28.f4, Re8 29.Bc1, Qe2! 30.fxg5, hxg5 31.Qg3.

Ne4 32.f6ch, Kg6 33.Qg2, Nxc3 34.Rd2, Qxg2ch 35.Kxg2, Ne2; 0-1.

6...Bxc3ch) This variation of Nimzo-Indian Indian Defence has gained favour in modern master practice. White can avoid it by 6.Ne2.

8.e4) 8.00, e5 9.Ng5, 00 10.f4, exd4, is another important continuation

9.h3) Smyslov-Sosonko, Tilburg 1979. 9.d5, Ne7 10.Nh4, h6 11.g3, g5 12.Ng2, Bh3 13.00, Qd7 14.a4, 000 15.f3, Kb8.

10.b6) Portisch-Timman, Rio-de-Janeiro 1979: 10...Qa5 11.00, 00 12.Qb3, Qc7 13.Rae1, b6 f4.d5, Ne7 was quickly draw,

17.g4) 17.Qe2 (intending f4) deserves consideration; if 17...e4 18.Bd2, Bxf5 19.f3; or 17...Kf8 18.f3.

17. Ba6) The threat is 18...e4 19.Bxe4, Bxc4.

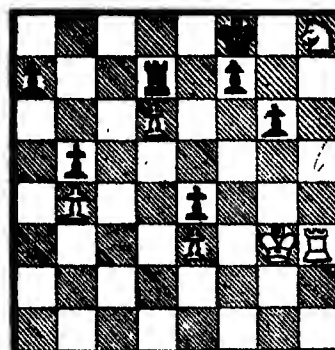
19.Qa4ch) The alternative is 19.Be2 and after 19...Kf8 20.a4/21.a5.

22...Qb7!?) Prepares...b5 to keep White's centre under tension, though the Queen remains inactive for long. An interesting continuation would be 23.f4?, b5 24.Qb3, Re4! 25.fxg5, hxg5 26.Bxg5, Rxe1 27.Rxe1, Rxh3 28.Kg2 (or 28.Bxf6ch, Kxf6 29.Kg2, d2! 30.Rd1, Rd3) d2! 29.Bxd2, Rd3 30.Re2, Nxc4.

27.f3?) Loses a vital tempo; correct was 27.f4! with complications, e.g. (i) 27...Re8 28.fxg5, Nxd5 29.f6ch, Kg8 30.Bd2, Rce4; unclear; 27...Ne4 28.f6ch!, Nxf6 29.fxg5, hxg5 30.Rxf6!, Kxf6 31.Qf5ch, Kg7 32.Bxg5, Rxd3 33.Bf6ch, Kf8 34.Qg5, Rg3ch 35.Kf2, Rcxg4 36.Qh6ch, Ke8 37.Qh8ch, Rg8 38.Re1ch, Kd7 39.Re7ch, Kc8 40.Re8ch, Rxe8 41.Qxe8ch, Kd7(c7) 42.Qd8 mate.

31.Qg3) After 31.Rf2, Qxd3 32.Rxd3, Re1ch 33.Rf1, Rxf1ch 34.Kxf1, Ne4 35.Bb2, Kf3 etc Black easily wins the end game.

#### End Game



White to play and win.



**E**VERY defender knows that he has to duck in order to immobilise a danger hand but the "duck" has several other uses which are frequently overlooked. For example a duck is often the answer to a squeeze

A K Q 3 2  
3  
A 10 8 6 5 4  
A  
t 0 8 7  
A 8 7 5 W N 9 6  
Q 9 3 E J 9 6 4  
J 8 7 S J 7  
Q 10 6 5 4  
J 5 4  
K O 10 2  
K 2  
K 9 3 2



...that pretty green one? That's just the colour I want for my new curtains.

#### Bidding

W	N	E	S
P	IC (Strong)	P	2NT
P	3D	P	3H
P	3S	P	3NT
P	4D	P	4NT
P	5S	P	6NT

#### All pass

It was rubber bridge and the bidding was not very refined. If North, who happened to be my partner, had rebid spades, describing his 6-5 pattern, I might perhaps have landed in '6S' which as you see would have been the perfect spot. Even '6D' might have made in practice for a heart lead from East seems quite unlikely.

Anyway I was saddled with '6NT' and the opening lead which was the 'CJ' which did little enough to give me the assistance in the saddle which was so desperately needed.

I could, of course, pray for the Queen and Knave of diamonds to be doubleton but I'm not Ashok Ruia and that sort of thing never happens for me except when I choose not to go for it. My only chance appeared to be a heart finesse followed by a squeeze of some sort.

For my plan to work I could not impair communications by testing diamonds so at the risk of looking a fool if the heart knave was off and the outstanding diamond honours perversely doubleton, I finessed the H10 at trick two. The sight of West's Ace was a happy one. The rest was routine.

Winning the club return, I cashed my hearts and started rattling off spades:

W	N	E	S
nil	nil	nil	nil
3	3	3	3
A 10 8	A 10 8	A 10 8	A 10 8
nil	nil	nil	nil
8	8	8	8
Q 9 3	Q 9 3	Q 9 3	Q 9 3
nil	nil	nil	nil
2	2	2	2
K 2	K 2	K 2	K 2
9	9	9	9

On the last spade, East, Mansur Tyebjee, was in a dilemma—if he discarded a heart, I would discard my club and West would be squeezed in the red suits. Mansur gave the hand the good old college try, by blanking his DJ.

He had been caught in a Guard Squeeze. A diamond to the King dropping East's knave and a finesse of the D10 brought home my crazy slam.

Mansur tried to suggest that if his partner had led a low club instead of the knave, he'd have been off the hook. So he would, but his partner would have been squeezed in the minors.

"What about a heart duck?" Mansur queried.

"You are getting warm", I retorted. "But one duck does a little for the defence. I think West has to duck hearts twice!"

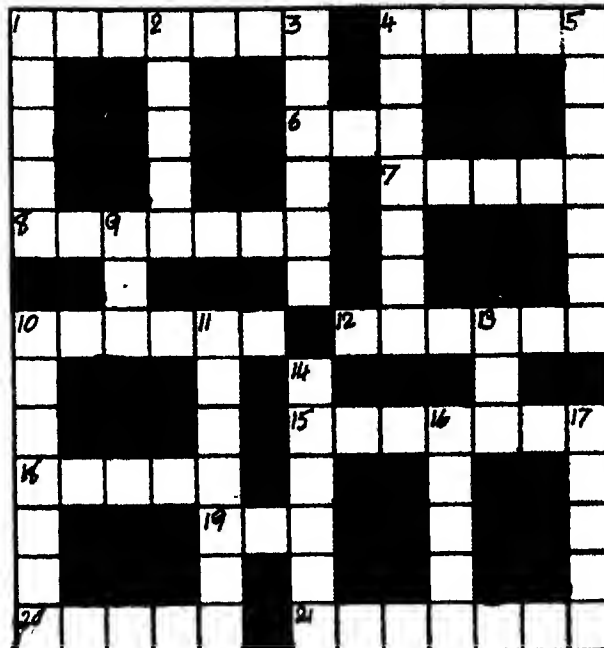
Try playing the hand against the defence of a double duck and you'll find that the squeeze doesn't work. The count cannot be rectified....

## ACROSS

1. & 4. 1972 Olympic marathon champion is open and not long (5, 7).
6. English cricketer Yardley comes back initially (1, 1, 1).
7. Superb 400 m. hurdler (5).
8. Shot putter—Singh (7).
10. Former Bombay boxer is from royalty (6).
12. Billiards stroke has a female inbetween (6).
15. Ski jumping is 1+4 sport (1,6).
18. This Aahar kept wickets for Bombay (5).
19. —Dexter returns (3).
20. Racing machine starts with an expression (5).
21. English cricketer starts with a printer's measure (7).

## DOWN

1. English cricketer cooks with fat (3, 1, 1).
2. Gymnast Comaneci (5).
3. English cricketer starts with a question (6).
4. The ancient Olympic Games were held here (7).
5. —Lifter dominate the heavyweight class (7).
9. A greeting for an Indian cricketer (3).
10. King of Indian badminton (7).
11. This spinner could not make a come back (7).
13. Court divider (3).
14. The Rook in chess is also called the—(6).
16. 1932 Olympic triple jump champion (5).
17. An event for four runners (5).



## How much do you know?



1. In which sport do you have a 1,000 m. sprint?
2. What variations are exceptionally permitted in the dimensions of the handball playing area?
3. Is it a foul in kho-kho if the touching of the sitting chaser and uttering of the word 'kho' is not simultaneous?
4. How many points per trick do you get for an undoubted bridge contract in no-trumps?
5. In the shot put event, can an athlete throw the shot?
6. How shall the centre lines of a badminton court be marked?
7. Rounding a mark, if two yachts

overlap, which one should give room to the other?

## ANSWERS:

1. Cycling. 2. 38 to 44 m. in length, and 18 to 22 m. in width. 3. Yes. 4. 40 for the first trick and 30 for each subsequent trick. 5. No. It has to be put. 6. The width (1½ in.) of the centre lines shall be equally divided between the left and the right service courts. 7. The outside yacht must give room to the inside yacht.

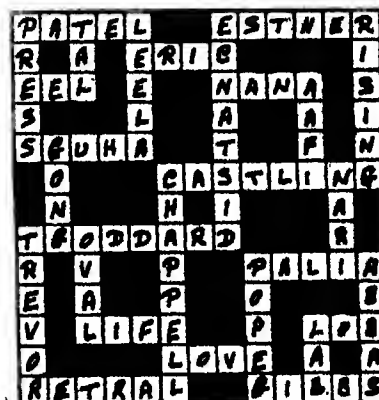
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viewcard.

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# MAIL BAG

## Congrats, Bob

**C**ONGRATULATIONS to Bob Willis, the Warwickshire captain for being appointed as skipper of the England team for the series against India this summer.

Bob had another plus on his side when he refused to be hand in gloves with his 'rebel' colleagues and also his performance in the recently concluded India England Test matches in India must have certainly weighed in his favour.

We wish him all the best.

—Pradeep Kumar Agarwal  
(Jhokan Bagh, Jansi)

## Heartening news

**I**T is really heartening to note that Willis has been named the captain of the English team to play India this season.

The 33 year old Warwickshire pace bowler has fought through more Test than any other English bowler and he truly deserves the honour.

His appointment as the skipper will make the series tougher for the Indian team and his captaincy, I hope, will remove the wrong notion of many people



Bob Willis an able skipper

that a good bowler cannot be a good captain.

With an efficient and an able man in Bob Willis, we can now look forward to a tough battle between India and England.

M V Ramana  
(Balanagar Township,  
Hyderabad)

## Optimistic view

**T**HE general consensus of opinion amongst cricket lovers within the country is still one of optimism but our team's recent performances on the tour has proved beyond doubt that it is far from satisfactory.

This fact has been aptly established with most of the batsmen failing to score as they should and also our bowlers unable to skittle out the opposition.

Further, reports regarding the dreadful weather conditions has only increased our woes.

This should make one fully prepared to expect the worst from the current series, even though England will be represented with a reformed team.

In the present circumstances, one reminisces the optimism with which our team toured England in '74 and what eventually happened.

However we earnestly hope that our feelings are evinced to be totally baseless.

—Parag Kamani  
(Pedder Rd., Bombay-26)

## Proved his worth

**T**HE inclusion of Bombay's Ghulam Parkar in the Indian cricket squad now in England was not gladly accepted by the critics from the North.

Some said his technique was not perfect to play moving balls in England while others remarked that Ghulam sadly lacked the true temperament of building an innings.

But fortunately, all cricket's so called 'pundits' of our country were proved wrong.

Till now Ghulam proves to be the most consistent batsman in our side as his impressive innings in the county matches has proved his worth.

—Sabuj Sen  
(Hindustan Park, Calcutta)

## Borg rules no more

**T**HE French Open has been universally accepted as the world clay court championship but Borg, the man whom everyone considers as one of the greatest clay court specialist, and who has won six singles titles in a row (twice without dropping a set) will be really missed.

With Ice Borg the invincible not participating, Ivan Lendl, the Czech superstar is a clear favourite to win the title but in the 'Pompous Bull' Vilas and Jose Luis Clerc, he has to contend with two very formidable opponents.

The French Open certainly provides the toughest most exacting test of all round ability. With balls bouncing high on the

slow red clay, emphasis is placed on ground strokes and patient thoughtful strategy.

With the beginning of this year's French Open an era has certainly ended and with a heavy heart one can write, "King Borg rules no more."

—Dhruv Mehta  
(Bombay)

## Very selfish ban

**T**HE unanimous ban of the 'Sidek' service is by far a very selfish and an unfair move by the European playing badminton countries.

It just goes to prove how influential and dominating the Western countries are in the field of sport. Obviously neither could they master this tricky 'reverse' service nor could they find any counter solution to defend themselves against it and that is probably the reason why such a decision has been taken so late.

The fact is that these sports loving (?) Westerners are completely dominant in all the organisations of various games and they have easily manipulated the rules to suit their needs.

In the case of cricket, just because the Englishmen could not find an answer to the bouncers, they immediately reduced the bouncers per over.

In the case of hockey astro turf is the in thing just to speed up the game as though it was not fast enough! Penalty corners strokes have become that much more frequent only because this is the easiest and powerful way to victory, as they could not match the Asian speed and stick work.

Indeed the lesser countries have been fallible to compromise and easily susceptible to dominance.

One only hopes that it promised the Sideks produce another deadly service if only to prove that badminton is still very much an Asian game.

As long as there are Sideks, Hartono and Padukone, there's little chance that the Europeans will reach the top in this game.

P K Subramanian  
(Sion Bombay 22)

## It's Calcutta, for soccer

**R**ECENTLY the Indian football team for President cup has been selected out of which maximum players are from Bengal.

The Selection Committee of the Indian football team for the tour seems very desperate. The Committee consisting of P K Banerjee, Arun Ghosh and S S Hakeem seems to have put their faith in Bengal players only. It is well known to all of us that Bengal is known as the home of soccer.

Does it mean that other players of different states are without talent? Some players who had shown excellent performance in last year's D C M Durand and also in other trophies have been ignored.

C P S Chadha  
(Railway Col., New Delhi-54)

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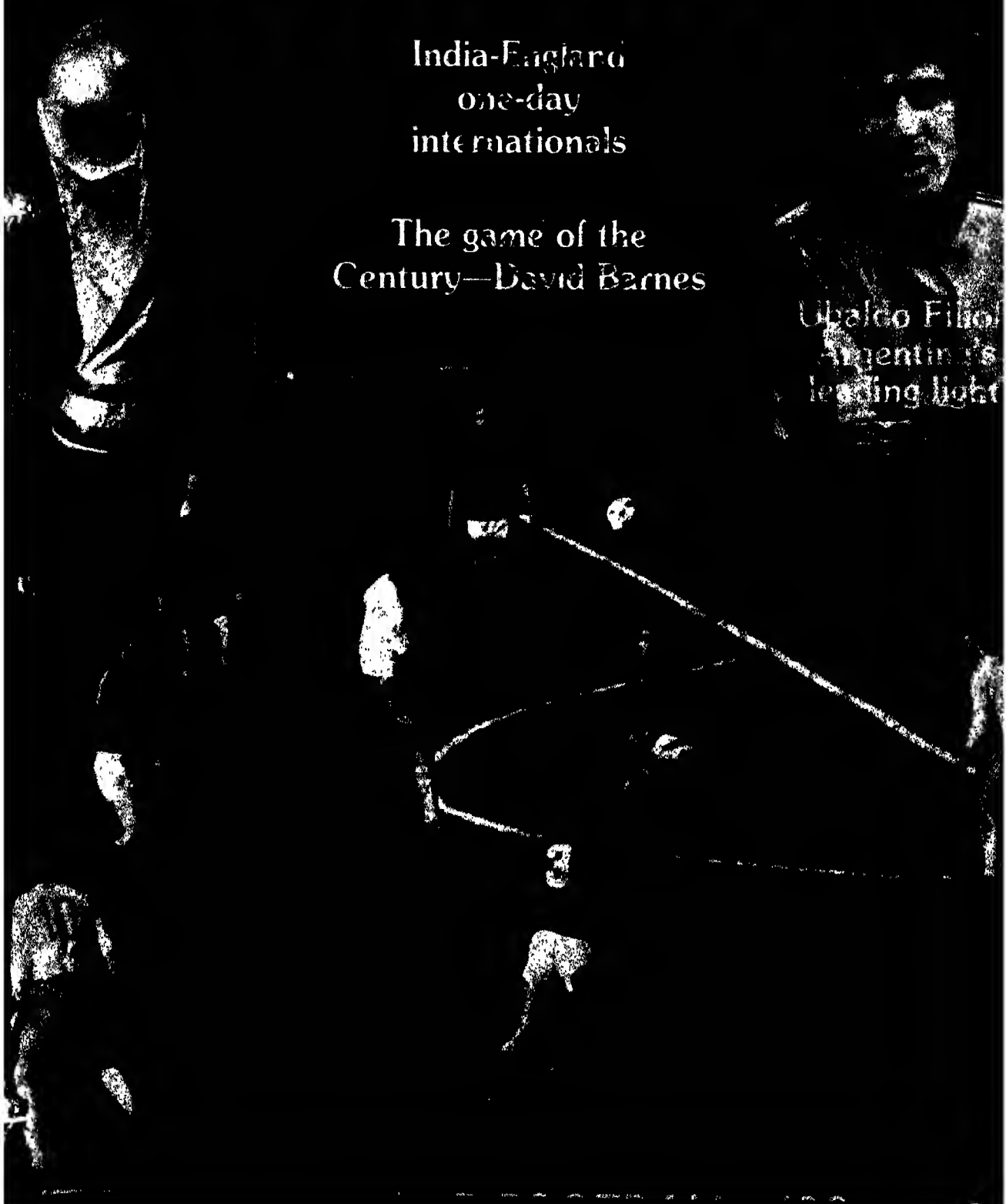


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Century—David Barnes

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## This week...



India turned in an improved performance on the second day of the Peugeot Champions Cup tournament when they scored a deserving win over West Germany. This victory was crucial from the point of view of morale after a disappointing show against Russia and it is reasonable to expect better performances hereafter. Champions Trophy report from Khalid Ansari in Amsterdam...p 5

Against Northampton the Indian selectors found almost no evidence to help them pick their team for the jubilee Test at Lord's. A report on the tourists' three-day fixture against Northamptonshire...p 8

"I think the Test series will be much closer and when the boys get out there at Lord's they'll do well and I still think they could give England a big shock", says Raj Singh in an interview with Henry Blofeld...p 9

The weather and the toss were both unkind to India in the first one-day international which England won by nine wickets...p 10

I cannot understand why Viswanath was dropped for the second Prudential Cup match at the Oval. He may not be the fastest man on the field, but he is a world class batsman whom no side could surely afford to leave out. opines Henry Blofeld...p 11

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## Cover

**W**HEN man first kicked an inflated bladder of an animal many centuries ago, little did he know of the tremendous leaps and bounds that, that piece of animal tissue would take.

Football, one of the greatest of the games is one of the most popular sport

in the whole world spanning more than 50 countries.

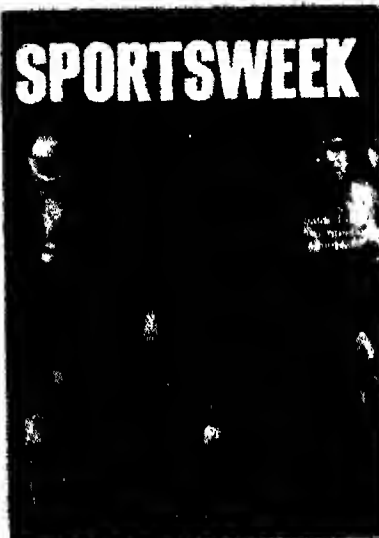
Jules Rimet, the then president of the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) suggested that football should bask in a limelight of its own and so with a few dedicated workers, launched the first World Cup Soccer tournament in 1930 where Uruguay triumphed.

Hence from that day, till Brazil stormed the world football scene, the Jules Rimet Trophy, depicting a Grecian goddess with wings and standing 12½ inches high of solid gold, changed hands many times.

Brazil claimed the Rimet Trophy for their very own after executing a hat trick of wins in 1974 and so FIFA had no option other than prepare another trophy, the FIFA Trophy, of which Argentina are now the holders.

And Argentina, with a sturdy line-up of superstars will defend their title tenaciously, come hell, high water or a foolish war.

So onward to Spain, where from June 13 to July 11, a feast awaits for the soccer fans all over the world, where surprise upsets and thrilling finishes are in the offing.



# Successful start by India

—From Khalid Ansari in Amsterdam—

## The First Day

INDIA—4  
USSR—2

INDIA's young hopefuls made a successful start in the bid to win the Champions Trophy here beating the USSR 4-2.

As to the superiority of the Indian side as regards skill, there was no doubt but the old failing of lack of thrust and poor finishing was very much in evidence.

Surinder Singh's lads will have to improve considerably on this performance if they are to create any impression and to justify the faith that has been reposed on them as part of the Indian Hockey Federation's plan of building a team to win this year's Asian Games and the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

Disappointment was writ large on the faces of the players as they came off the field at 7 p.m. last week. Be that as it may, the victory should give supporters back home some cause for satisfaction.

On balance, had it not been for the sterling display of young Romeo James of Signals on his debut for India, the verdict could well have been different.

The sturdy and superbly fit Russians, through their thrustful though somewhat disjointed attacks forced as many as seven penalty-corners and a stroke.

The goals conceded by James would have beaten the most experienced of goalkeepers and some of the saves effected would have done credit to the very best.

Of India's four goals, three were the result of field efforts. Mervyn Fernandes, Surinder Singh Sodhi and Charanjit Kumar scored in the 10th, 13th and 34th minutes respectively.

Rajinder Singh converted the third of the four penalty-corner chances which came India's way in the 50th minute.

For Russia, Plechakov scored in the 21st and Michournov in the 54th minute, both goals coming off crisp penalty-corner hits, but Airapetian who

like the experienced Zigangirov turned in a standout performance, muffed a penalty-stroke award when he feebly pushed the ball to James' right.

Whereas Rajinder Singh and Topno demonstrated solidity in defence and good recovering ability in the early stages of the match, they seemed to falter as the game progressed. Right half Somaiya was sound in the intermediate line but Carvalho was apt to stray far too much to make for harmony between defence and attack.

He was often caught on the wrong foot and was invariably not in a position to initiate any purposeful moves. Gurnell brought his relatively greater

and Charanjit who appeared to lose interest in the proceedings in the crucial stages.

Manager Balbir Singh, after the match, expressed satisfaction with his team's performance and said he was hopeful the team would perform better as the tournament progressed.

PAKISTAN—6  
WEST GERMANY—1

WORLD Cup champions Pakistan demonstrated in no uncertain manner that they are in no mood whatsoever to relinquish the World No. 1 hockey title when steamrolling Bombay World Cup runners-up West Germany by a tennis-like 6-1.

In their showing, in what may be said

## Selection panel

THE "De Telegraaf"/"De Courant Nieuws Van De Dag" group of newspapers of The Netherlands will present the Telesport Cup to the best player of the fourth Champions Cup in Amsterdam.

The panel to select the player of the tournament consists of Paul Litjens, Robert Hoogland and Gerhard de Grooth (all of The Netherlands), Farooq Mazhar (Pakistan), Khalid Ansari (India), Hans Peter Detmer (West Germany) and Sidney Friskin and Patrick Rowley (Britain).

experience to good advantage in the half-time.

Of the forwards, only Shahid may be said to have impressed but his disinclination to take a shot at goal when in position is a grave shortcoming as is the case with Sodhi. The tendency to try and walk the ball into the goal has to be overcome with the utmost urgency by the entire forward line.

Sodhi was here, there and everywhere but not when and where really required. But his goal off a Shahid pass was a good piece of opportunism.

Zafar was off colour although he did manage to combine effortlessly with Shahid in the first half. He was too rightly marked to be effective.

Fernandes showed flashes of brilliance which also could not be converted into the all-important goals.



Hassan Sardar...Pak's forward par excellence



# Hockey...Champions Cup

to have been a replay of the last World Cup final, Pakistan will be very hard indeed to beat in this tournament being played at the Wagener Stadium in the Amsterdam suburb of Amstelveen.

Munich Olympic champions West Germany started in business-like fashion but soon ran out of ideas and cohesion. Seldom during the match did they look like being able to assert their superiority once the Pakistanis had settled down.

Inside-left Hanif Khan was in scintillating form and wove circles around the West German defence. Most of Pakistan's moves were initiated by the diminutive forward who scored the first two goals, the first of the tournament being a fine piece of opportunism off a beautiful cross from Kalimullah.

Right-winger Kalimullah, younger brother of captain Samiullah, notched three goals, the last off a penalty stroke. Centre-forward Hassan Sardar, who created a fine impression in the Bombay World Cup completed the tally with a goal in the 65th minute. West Germany's goal came through Wistuba in the 34th minute when the left striker darted into the circle to take the opposing defenders unawares off a pass from the bustling Blotcher. But Montag missed a penalty stroke in the closing minutes.

Hanif was sent off for a display of bad temper. Pakistan brought in Salim Sherwani for Manzoor Jr. who too was in scintillating form and West Germany substituted Fried for Wistuba and Hurter for Schmidt in the second half.

## HOLLAND—4 AUSTRALIA—3

**S**PURRED on by a lustily cheering crowd of over 5,000, host team Holland demonstrated superior resourcefulness and striking power to emerge victorious over skilful Australia 4-3.

The Australians reputed to be slow starters began purposefully and scored in the first minute through a penalty-stroke conversion by captain Ric Charlesworth.

Holland came storming back to forge ahead through two field goals by Bouwman and would have been four goals to the good but for missed scoring chances by Den Hartog and Van Grimbergen.

It drizzled intermittently soon after resumption in the second half when Irvine following a penalty-corner weaved his way past a host of Dutch defenders to reduce the margin and Charlesworth, ever on the move and on the look out for openings, converted an indirect penalty-corner to restore parity.

After a goal-line save with his hand by David Bell following a penalty corner, Holland were awarded a stroke but Jenniskens pushed wide.

Australia who brought in Browning

for Peter Haselhurst and Nobbs for Terry Smith earned a penalty-corner soon thereafter in the 51st minute but the hit by Davies and a push off the rebound by Leece were both smartly saved by custodian Hermans.

The fighting Dutchmen's winning goal came in the 52nd minute when Diepeveen converted an indirect penalty-corner hit taken by Van Der Have in the absence of Ties Kruize who missed the match because of a back injury sustained during the European championships last week in Paris.

Australia desperately went in search of the equaliser which did not come because of the never-say-die efforts of the tiring Dutch defenders.

## The Second Day

### INDIA—3 WEST GERMANY—2

**I**NDIA turned in an improved performance on the second day of the Peugeot Champions Cup tournament in the Wagener Stadium in Amsterdam to score a deserving 3-2 victory over West Germany. This was India's first win over the Bombay World Cup runners up since the 1973 Amsterdam World Cup.

The victory was crucial from the point of view of morale of India's young team after the disappointing showing on the first day against Russia and it is



Mohd. Shahid...notched the match-winner

reasonable to expect better performances hereafter.

India took the field making one change with Tejinder Singh in place of Topno. The Germans were without Wistuba who injured his thumb in the match against Pakistan the previous day and is out of the tournament.

India's goals came in the 48th (Gurmail Singh—penalty stroke), 60th (Jagdeep Singh) and 70th minutes (Mohamed Shahid) whereas West Germany scored in the 39th and 68th minutes through captain Peter.

Whereas the Indian forward line functioned effectively as it had done the previous day, the tendency to hang on to the ball and to walk it into the goal persisted. But for this failing, the margin of victory would have been wider.

The defence functioned with greater stability than it had done against Russia with the bringing in of Tejinder. It stood up admirably to the repeated onslaughts of the German forwards, especially Blocher who was in his element.

Pivot Carvalho who had strayed unnecessarily the previous day was rather wayward in that he tended to play too far back in the first half but moved up to create openings and support the forward line in the second. Somaiya again turned in a standout performance and Gurmail was solid as righthalf.

## Failed

Skipper Sodhi who had failed to combine effectively with the inside forwards was, in a very intelligent move, substituted by young Jagdeep Singh. His arrival made the all important difference to the Indian attack which immediately started functioning with greater cohesion and purposefulness.

Charanjit Kumar was speedy on the right flank but had the mortification of seeing many of his dangerous crosses go begging because of faulty positioning and bad opportunism on the part of the other Indian forwards.

Mervyn again played an intelligent game and like Shahid succeeded in penetrating the tight German defence despite the vigilant man-to-man marking.

But their inability to hit at goal first time (as the Pakistan forwards are wont to do) nullified all their good work.

Zafar Iqbal demonstrated speed and ball control but was inept in the matter of splitting the rival defence.

India started in promising fashion with Zafar and Shahid making their way into the German circle but Shahid was dispossessed by Frank before he could essay a shot at goal.

The first half was scoreless with the Indian goal having a few close calls and with Romeo James once again effecting some brilliant saves. Hurter and Dopp on the other hand were wayward and missed two easy scoring chances.

India earned a stroke in the 14th

minute when Sodhi's shot at goal from close range off a Shheid pass was kicked away by Bachmann. Carvalho muffed the resultant penalty stroke gently pushing the ball to the right of Bassemir which the German goalkeeper easily stopped.

West Germany too earned a penalty stroke in the 31st minute when James carried a trump shot at goal. Blotcher botched the award pushing the ball wide of the mark.

The Germans earned a penalty corner soon after resumption when Canninberg, poised for a shot at goal, was brought down by Tajinder in the circle. Peter's hit beat the Indian defence hands down.

Gurmaji restored parity soon thereafter when Peter obstructed Shahid in the circle following a Mervyn pass for a penalty corner award.

India now muffed a few scoring chances thanks to the goal-shyness of Shheid and Mervyn who demonstrated a laughable reluctance to take a shot at goal. But debutant Tajinder showed that he is capable of fine opportunism when he positioned himself and tapped in a good cross from Charanjit on the right.

The Germans mounted two dangerous raids hereabouts and the Indian defence was herd put to withstand the pressure which it barely managed to do.

With five minutes to the whistle West Germany were given what appeared to be a harsh penalty corner award when Rajinder obstructed Dopp just outside the circle. Carvalho kicked the ball when rushing out to foil the hit and Spanish umpire Alcantara awarded a stroke which Peter converted to level scores.

India's matchwinner came in the dying moments when Charanjit sprinted down the right flank and centred to Shheid who scooped the ball at goalkeeper Bassemir. The ball rebounded to Shheid following a melee. And the crafty Inside left made no mistake as he scooped the ball high into the net to the delight of the small number of Indian supporters in the crowd.

**PAKISTAN—5  
USSR—2**

**A**LTHOUGH Pakistan carved out a predictable victory over the USSR in their second engagement in the tournament, the margin somewhat flatters the favourites to win the title.

There was no question of the World Cup winners' all-round superiority but the 5-2 margin of victory is not quite a correct index of the proceedings.

The hard tackling Russians who made three changes from the team which lost 4-2 to India last Sunday, had a fair share of the exchanges especially in the opening stages of the match through snap counterattacks which had Manzoor Sr. and Qasim Zia under pressure for prolonged spells.

Zagorodnev in particular was brilliant and initiated some brilliant raids on the right.

Russia drew first blood when

## Where they stand...

The ranking at the end of the second day in the Champions Trophy is as follows:

Country	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Points	Goals
Pakistan	2	2	0	0	4	11-3
India	2	2	0	0	4	7-4
Netherlands	1	1	0	0	2	4-3
Australia	1	0	0	1	0	3-4
USSR	2	0	0	2	0	4-9
Germany	2	0	0	2	0	3-9

Plechakov made no mistake with a penalty stroke award after Zigangirov had been obstructed by Manzoor in the circle when the forward was on his way to what appeared a certain goal.

Stung to the quick, the Pakistanis retaliated strongly with two quick goals in three minutes. Saeed equalised when his goal bound shot from the top of the circle beat the outstretched hands of goalkeeper Plechakov off a defender's stick.

Hassan Sardar soon thereafter put the Pakistanis ahead giving the finishing touches to a good move on the right between Kalimullah and Manzoor Sr.

Captain Semiullah, whose marriage in Bhowalpur recently was reportedly attended by 20,000 people, put the Pakistanis further ahead with a powerful shot from a sharply angled cross from brother Kalimullah.

Despite vigilant policing by Airpetian

and the fact that Hanif was off colour—he squandered easy chances—Pakistan managed to chalk up three more goals in the second half through Kalimullah (he missed a stroke in the 58th minute), and Hanif who capped a good Manzoor Jr pass with the goal that it deserved.

Russia reduced the margin in the 64th minute when Gotcharov converted a penalty corner which flew to the roof of the goal off a defender's stick.

### GOAL SCORERS

Kalimullah (Pakistan) 4 goals, Hanif Khan 3, Bouwman (Netherlands), Charlesworth (Australia), Hassan Sardar (Pakistan), K. Plechakov (USSR) and M. Peter (W. Germany) 2 each.

Fernandes, Surinder Singh Sodhi, Charanjit Kumar, Rajinder Singh, Gurmaji Singh, Jagdeep Singh and Mohammed Shahid are among those who have scored one goal.

## THE SPORTING LIFE



LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE DEFENSE!

## Vishy in full flight

**D**URING the last three days in Northampton the Indian selectors found almost no new evidence to help them pick their team for the Jubilee Test match at Lord's.

Onl, Viswanath made runs convincingly and there is absolutely nothing that they did not already know about him while Nayak who is unlikely to come into contention for a Test place was the most successful bowler.

On the last day Northants batted on until after lunch when they were bowled out for 204 which gave them a lead of 1 run over India's 203 for 5 declared.

India then had three hours gentle batting practice and yet again Parker, Roy and Malhotra wasted the chance of the decent innings they all so badly need. Each one got himself out to a careless stroke although in the last part of the afternoon Yashpal Sharma batted well.

Earlier in the day 22 year old Bob Carter had displayed great concentration, a tight defence and a few strokes which he has not yet got the confidence to use in making his highest score of 79 in four hours.

At the start new Test cap Allan Lamb threw his wicket away when he was



*Suru Nayak the most successful bowler against Northamptonshire*

caught in the slips from a wild slash and right at the end Sarfraz Nawaz of Pakistan off drove handsome sixes off Nayak and Shastri.

Nayak finished with 5 wickets in his best bowling performance in England.

and he seemed at last to have learned the importance of length and line.

I shall be surprised if their side for that match varies by more than 1 from the side which drew the sixth Test against England at Kanpur at the end of January. It looks as if Gavaskar will prefer Ghulam Parkar to open with him rather than Roy. I expect the side to be Gavaskar, Parkar, Vengsarkar, Viswanath, Yashpal Sharma, Malhotra, Kapil Dev, Kirmani, Madan Lal, Shastri and Doshi.

On the second day more thunder storms in the morning delayed the start of the India game until five p.m. Viswanath then reached his second hundred of the tour. He hit 17 boundaries in all in an innings of 106 not out which took 173 minutes.

As soon as he had reached his hundred he declared with the score 203 for five.

It is extraordinary to think that at one stage in India last season the Test selectors voted 5-0 to drop him from the side and that given a last chance he scored a century and followed it up with a double ton in the Test after that. At the moment in England he is in the same rich vein of form.

When Northamptonshire batted England Test opener Geoff Cook got a lifter from Nayak which he could only fend into the slips. It was a poor strike. After that Williams was caught behind playing forward to one from Doshi which turned and Northants were 74 for 2 at the close.

## Two surprises in England squad

**D**EREK PRINGLE the allrounder who is playing for Cambridge University and Essex is the surprise choice in the

as a fast medium bowler and middle order batsman with Cambridge and he greatly impressed with his bowling for



*Derek Randall returns to the England side after a lapse of 25 Tests*

England side to play in the first Test match against India at Lord's.

Pringle is having a marvellous season

MCC against India in the recent match at Lord's.

Pringle who is 24 has long been

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# The best has yet to come

**D**URING the first day of the Indians' game against Northamptonshire I had a long talk with their manager, Raj Singh about the way he felt the tour was going and obviously about India's two overwhelming defeats in the matches for the Prudential Trophy.

He was at great pains to point out that far from feeling depressed after those two results, the morale of the side was extremely high and that his players were looking forward eagerly to the Jubilee Test match at Lord's.

"I am sure folks at home are disappointed by these two results," he said. The victories last season at Jullundur and Cuttack will have made people think we had come of age in one-day cricket.

"But the toss decided the match at Headingley after that freak storm. I still thought that after losing our first five wickets so cheaply, 193 was a good score on that pitch."

Raj Singh did not complain to me that the pitch was unfit when play began, but some of the players felt this and it may have been a reason why the party has objected to the appointment of umpire David Constant for the Lord's Test.

But when I spoke to the other umpire, Don Oslear, he told me that he himself was at the ground at Headingley at half

past six in the morning and that the pitch itself was fit even then.

"Of course, we've talked about these defeats," Raj Singh went on. "We never thought we were one-day champions and we are better suited technically and temperamentally to the demands of five-day cricket."

"I think the Test series will be much closer than many people seem to be thinking. But we do have a couple of doubtful spots."

"We haven't yet found a reliable opener to go in with Gavaskar and it may be that we will have eventually to consider moving a batsman up the order."

Alao Sandeep Petil's total lack of form has been worrying. He is important to the Test side for his presence gives us another bowler.

"He has been having a problem with his shoulder blade which hurts him when he throws. But he is a splendid lad who is still able to smile and share a joke in spite of his form."

"I have tremendous faith in his ability, but he has been largely responsible for his own undoings. Maybe he lacks a certain mental toughness which will come with more experience."

"Sunny Gavaskar has been doing everything he can as captain and I have been very impressed with his thinking

and planning. Both he and Viswanath have been wonderfully unselfish in the way they have given the others batting practice on the good wickets."

"Ironically, while the bowling has looked less impressive than it is because of the very good pitches, the batting has perhaps looked more impressive than it really is. We have been caught unawares by the weather being so good."

"But I know that when the boys get out there at Lord's they'll do well and I still think they could give England a big shock."

Raj Singh also said that he had made a point of introducing himself to newcomer Allan Lamb at Leeds and congratulating him. Then, after the second game at the Oval Lamb came up to Singh, shook his hand and thanked him for nominating him as Man of the Match.

"My team like him very much indeed," Raj Singh told me, "and they greatly admire him as a player. They feel he is such a complete batsman."

I have an idea they will see much more of him too, and like Raj Singh I do not believe people in India should be unduly worried by those one-day defeats. The best has not yet been seen from Gavaskar's side.

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## England squad

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regarded as a likely understudy to Ian Botham, but his recent development has shown that he now comes into the Test side as of right.

He is tall and uses his height well to get lift from even the deadest of pitches and the ball he cuts back from outside the off-stump is probably his most dangerous delivery.

As a batsman, he is a natural strokemaker who loves to go for his shots and this year as captain of Cambridge he has been their inspiration and was principally responsible for their remarkable seven wicket victory over Lancashire.

Pringle's father was also a seam bowler who was an important member of the East African side in the 1975 World Cup, but on returning to Africa he was killed in a car accident.

The other surprise in the England squad of 12 players is the inclusion of Geoff Cook who will open with Chris Tavare. Cook has not had a good season so far but I am delighted that the selectors have kept faith with him. Cook played his only Test match in Sri Lanka last February and if he comes off now he

will give the selectors another captaincy option. He is a highly successful captain of Northamptonshire who is much respected by the players on the county circuit and if Bob Willis does not take England to Australia in October and they feel that David Gower is not quite ready, Cook could easily get the job.

I shall be surprised if Barry Wood who came back successfully for the two one-day matches is not still very much in the selectors' minds for that tour.

The left-arm spinner, Phil Edmonds, who played the last of his 18 Test matches against India in 1979 is recalled and in the last few weeks he has been bowling extremely well for Middlesex.

Geoff Miller is another to be recalled and this year he appears to be a changed man and a much more positive cricketer. The final place in the side will probably be between Edmonds and Miller.

Otherwise the party picks itself with Paul Allott being preferred to Graham Dilley after his better showing in the recent one-day matches.

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Geoff Miller...recalled

# Pitch proved India's undoing

— By Henry Blofeld —

THE weather and the toss were both extremely unkind to India in the first of the two one-day matches for the Prudential Trophy which England won by nine wickets at Headingley. After being put in to bat on an ideal pitch for England's seam bowlers, India were bowled out for 193 in their 55 overs and England replied with 194 for one in 50.1 overs.

The bad luck with the weather came when a thunderstorm of such gigantic proportions swept Headingley that the ground was completely under water and a certain amount got through onto the pitch itself.

It was no fault of the groundstaff that this was so for the rain would have tested any covering in the world. But the result was that the grass was moist at the start and England's seam bowlers were soon licking their lips.

Vengsarkar never settled in and at 54 he played back to Ian Botham and was caught behind when the ball left him off the pitch. Gavaskar's answer to this was to drive Allott through the covers for four.

But he went forward then back to the next ball which rose from only fractionally short of a length and Gavaskar could only edge it to Botham at second slip.

This was a real blow for India as Gavaskar was the one batsman with the technique to overcome the conditions.

the man of the match award in 12 overs he hit 80 thrilling runs with three tremendous sixes.

First he picked up Miller and swung him to square leg for six. Then he took on Botham and from successive deliveries on-drove him for six and then stepped away and made room to drive him over mid-off for another.

It was wonderful strokeplay by a brilliant cricketer and while Kirmani held out at the other end a score of over 200 looked possible. But suddenly Kirmani tried to emulate his partner and was caught behind having a wild swing by Botham. Then in trying to keep the bowling Kapil Dev started for an impossible single and when he was sent back could not make it.

A total of 193 was never likely to be enough and a highly professional opening stand between Wood and Tavaré loosened India's grip on the game still further.

Ravi Shastri bowled eleven overs of left arm spin for 37 runs but his line was wrong for he bowled too much at the batsman's legs and they had no trouble in outting him away for ones and twos. When Kapil and Madan Lal came back it was easy to see as they again bowled splendidly that if India could have scored another 30 runs they might have won.



England opener Chris Tavare plays India's Kapil Dev to the leg in the first Prudential Trophy match. Tavare scored 66 runs.  
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The ball moved around nastily off the seam and after England's new captain Bob Willis had asked India to bat he bowled an extremely hostile opening spell.

In one over he beat Indian captain Sunil Gavaskar with three successive deliveries. But Gavaskar has a superb technique and he played one or two glorious strokes through the covers and off his legs.

He and Parker had put on 30 in 10 overs which was a considerable start in the circumstances when Parker fenced at a 110er from Willis and was easily caught by Tavare at third slip.

The fifth wicket fell at 68 when after two nice leg side fours Viswanath played half forward to Botham and was bowled off the inside edge and was waved away in bad taste by Botham.

It was now that Yashpal Sharma was joined by Ravi Shastri. They began a spirited fight back and were playing well when they got into a no-pace muddle over a short single on the off side and Shastri was left stranded in mid-pitch. They had put on 45 important runs.

It was now that Kapil Dev began to play the outstanding innings of the day which to my mind should have won him

INDIA: S M Gavaskar c Botham b Allott 38; G Parkar c Tavaré b Willis 10; D Vengsarkar c Taylor b Botham 5; G Viswanath b Botham 9; S Patil c Taylor b Botham 0; Yashpal Sharma c Taylor b Allott 20; R Shastri run out 18; Kapil Dev run out 80; S Kirmani c Taylor b Botham 11; S Nayak c Tavaré b Willis 3; Madan Lal not out 1. Extras 18. Total 193.

Fall of wickets: 1-30 2-54 3-58 4-69 5-68 6-113 7-114 8-154 9-192

Bowling: Willis 11 0 32 2; Dilley 5-1 20 0; Allott 11 4 21 2; Botham 11-0-56 4; Wood 7 1 17 0; Miller 10-0-29 0.

ENGLAND: B Wood not out 78; C J Tavaré lbw b Madan Lal 66; A J Lamb not out 35. Extras 15. Total (for one wkt) 194.

Fall of wickets: Kapil Dev 9-2 21-0; Madan Lal 9 3 21 1; Nayak 9-0-37 0; Shastri 11 0 37 0; Patil 7-0 29 0; Sharma 5 1 0 34 0.



# A "No excuses" defeat

— By Henry Blofeld —



Kapil Dev deservedly named as India's man of the two-match series

**N**O excuses must be allowed to cover up the disastrous Indian batting which allowed England to win the second of the two Prudential Cup matches at the Oval by 114 runs.

After a brilliant third wicket stand of 159 in 28 overs between newcomer Allan Lamb and David Gower had assured England of a formidable total of 276 for nine India's main batsmen capitulated with scarcely a fight losing their first seven wickets for 66 before recovering to 162 for eight.

The Indian tourists have every right to feel bitter about the treatment they received from some burglars while they were in action at the Oval. Their coach was parked in a neighbouring street and while the game was in progress it was broken into and a good deal of clothing was stolen. It was a shameful act and I only hope the police run the burglars to ground.

Admittedly the England team bowling was extremely hostile but even so I feel that was a sadly spirited performance by batsmen of the class of Gavaskar and Vengsarkar.

But first I cannot understand why the tour selectors decided to drop Viswanath. He may not be the fastest of fielders but he is a world class batsman whom no side could surely afford to leave out.

It was a reflection of the accuracy of the England batting that Gavaskar was

England score so many runs there was not much fight left in the side.

The procession began in the fifth over of the innings when Parker who had been dropped at slip in the first fended at a lifter from Bob Willis and was caught at second slip.

Vengsarkar then played back to Dilley without getting behind the line and Yashpal Sharma played a hesitant forward stroke and was leg before to Allott although I thought the ball might have gone down the leg side.

Maihotra lost his off stump when he played inside a straight ball from Botham and then Gavaskar was brilliantly caught by Willis diving to his right at mid off as he drove at Miller's second ball.

Sandeep Patil was bowled playing forward and across the line to Miller. Kirmani pulled the off spinner to mid wicket and after a spirited stand of 66 for the eighth wicket with Madan Lal Kapil Dev was brilliantly caught by Gower at cover as he drove at Wood.

Kapil Dev was deservedly named as India's man of this two-match series and his innings at least gave the Indians back some of their self respect but unfortunately they had lost the match long before he came in.

After winning the toss India strangely put England in on a good pitch and England got off to a sound start through Barry Wood and Chris Tavaré who added 43. They were then both bowled by balls which Sandeep Patil moved sharply back into them off the seam.

It was now that Lamb was joined by Gower and they batted quite brilliantly playing a succession of the most delicate strokes and running between the wickets as fast and as well as I can ever remember seeing it done.

They were constantly turning ones into twos and twos into threes and without ever getting into a muddle Lamb's presence at No 3 is going to strengthen England's batting considerably and Gower continued to show how much he has matured.

Lamb's 50 came off 70 balls. Gower's off 71 and on a slow outfield they only hit three fours between them in reaching their fifties two to Lamb and one to Gower.

The best stroke of all was a thrilling on drive for six against Shastri played by Gower from two paces down the pitch but soon afterwards he drove Yashpal Sharma to mid off.

Lamb was struck in the nineties and

pitch and swinging at Madan Lal who held a skied return catch.

Lamb had batted 108 minutes and hit four fours. After his dismissal wickets fell quickly in the final few overs of the innings as the batsmen tried to score as many runs as they could.

**ENGLAND** B. Wood b Patil 15 C J Tavaré b Patil 27 A J Lamb c and b Madan Lal 99 D I Gower c Vengsarkar b Yashpal Sharma 76 I T Botham run out 4 D W Randall run out 24 G Miller run out 0 G R Dilley c Yashpal Sharma b Madan Lal 1 R W Taylor not out 3 P J W Allott run out 5 Extras 22 Total (for nine wickets 55 overs) 276

Fall of wickets 1 43 2-53 3 212, 4-218 5 260 6 260 7 267 8 268 9 276

**Bowling** Kapil Dev 11-1 39 0, Madan Lal 11-0-50 2, Nayak 11-1-48-0, Patil 11-0-37 2, Shastri 8-0-53-0, Yashpal Sharma 3-0-27 1

**INDIA** S M Gavaskar c Willis b Miller 15 G Parker c Botham b Willis 2, D B Vengsarkar c Taylor b Dilley 15, Yashpal Sharma lbw Allott 2 A Maihotra b Botham 4, S M Patil b Miller 1, Kapil Dev c Gower b Wood 47 S M H Kirmani c Botham b Miller 8 Madan Lal not out 53 R J Shastri not out 9 Extras 6 Total (8 wickets) 162

Fall of wickets 1-5, 2-28 3-36, 4-42 5-42 6-43 7-66 8-131

**Bowling** Willis 7-2-10-1, Dilley 7 1-19 1 Botham 9 2 22 1, Allott 8-3-24 1 Miller 11 3 27 3 Wood 11 0-51-1, Tavaré 2 0 3 0



David Gower batted with

## Can India break this hoodoo?

**T**HE facts are simple: India, on nine previous tours of England, have played 15 Test matches which commenced before 15 July—and lost all fifteen of them. In this current series, all three Test matches will be played before the 15th of July.

So can Sunil Gavaskar and his men break this hoodoo, in the series which is just getting under way?

When Ian Botham left India after being on the losing side in last winter's series, he promised India a 3-0 beating in the rubber in England. Of course, he reckoned without the South African tour, the consequences of which has at least on paper, depleted his side.

Yet the historical truth is behind Botham, though he could hardly have been aware of it.

It is a well-known fact, that teams visiting England in the first half of the summer have great difficulty adjusting to the conditions. Since the twin-tours arrangement commenced in 1965, all the teams touring in the first part of the season have lost in the three-Test series they played. New Zealand in 1965, India in 1967, the West Indies two years later, Pakistan in 1971, the Kiwis again in '73,

India in 1974 and Pakistan in 1978 have all been beaten.

But, visiting England in the latter half of twin-tour seasons, South Africa in 1965, India in '71 and the West Indies two years later have all won their series!

It's not that the traffic has all been against sides visiting in the first half of twin-tour summers. In 1971, for instance, Pakistan ran up a total of 600-plus in the first Test, and lost the third only by 25 runs. Two years before that, the West Indies had a good chance of squaring the rubber with a win in the 3rd Test, which eventually they lost by 30 runs.

Still, the fact is, no side visiting in the first half of the summer has won a Test in England.

When India won the 1971 series, all three Tests were played after that 'hoodoo-date', July 15. India have played 29 Tests in England, won one, drawn eight and lost 20. Of these 20 test defeats, of course, 15 have been in those pre 15-July Tests.

The lone Test of 1932 was played from 25 June, and India also lost the first Tests of the 1936 and 1946 series—both played before July 15. In

1952 and '59, India lost all five Tests which began before mid-July. In 1967 and 1974, of course, all the Tests were lost—as they had been in 1959. Then, finally, on the last tour, in '79, India's only defeat in the series was in the first Test at Birmingham—which began on July 12.

So whatever the calibre of this India side, they are up against a very ominous "record"!

Yet, on the other hand, the sequence of this summer's Tests is interesting. The venues are Lord's-Old Trafford-Oval, and this may be lucky for India. Only once before have India played in such a sequence. That was in 1971, when India won the Oval Test after rained-off draws at Lord's and in Manchester.

It is intriguing, too, whether India have ever faced—or England ever chosen—a Test side with three Africa-born players. The twelve England have named for the Lord's Test includes Phil Edmonds, born in Lusaka, Zambia, and newcomers Allan Lamb, born in the Cape Province, and Derek Pringle (who visited India with the English Schools team in 1977-78), who was born in Nairobi.

Subroto Sirkar

## Test umpire Constant sacked

**T**EST umpire David Constant has been dropped for the Cornhill series against India following objections from the touring side.

Constant stood in two of the Indians' matches—against Yorkshire at Bradford and the one-day Prudential Trophy match with England at Headingley.

The tour management, led by Raj Singh, Sunil Gavaskar and Gundappa Viswanath, were highly critical of his decisions in both matches.

The touring team expressed their anger when Constant and fellow umpire Don Oslear said the Leeds pitch was fit for play after an overnight soaking. The Indians were put into bat and made a disastrous start from which they never recovered.

The Indians objected to the appointment of Constant for the first Test at Lord's. The Test and County Cricket Board agreed to replace him with Barrie Meyer and said they would not consider Constant for the other two matches in the series.

Raj Singh the Indian manager, said, "We are satisfied with TCCB's action. It is very unfortunate to be in this situation but in the games at Bradford and Leeds



*David Constant, the sacked Test umpire, has challenged the Indian and the Test and County Cricket Board authorities to sit with him, go through the video*

Constant could also date back to the Oval in 1979 when India almost scored 470 to win the fourth Test.

India were convinced that Constant should not have given Viswanath out, caught low at extra cover by Mike Brearley, and that later Venkat had made his ground when given run-out.

After the TCCB's decision, spokesman Peter Lush said: "The board reaffirm their strong support in Constant as a high-class Test umpire of long standing, but we felt we could not appoint an umpire who did not have the confidence of both sides."

The board have promised that Constant will not lose financially. He will receive his normal fee of £1,060 for the Lord's Test—and they intend to appoint him for the series against Pakistan later this summer.

Wiltshire-born Constant, a former Kent and Leicestershire player, has umpired in 22 Tests and was appointed to the first class list in 1969.

During the winter tour of India England objected to umpire Rameswamy for the Delhi Test and managed to get him replaced, during a series of

## Turner joins 'Immortals Eighteen'

— By A. Aziz Rehmatullah —

**G**LENN TURNER of Worcestershire hammered an unbeaten 311 runs in a day against Warwickshire and joined the 'Immortals Eighteen' who have scored 100 or more centuries in their first class career.

He scored his first hundred in 114 minutes (a century before lunch), the second 100 in only 90 minutes and third hundred in 132 minutes.

Turner became the 19th batsman and the second non-Englishman to reach this milestone in the long history of first class cricket.

The great England and Gloucestershire batsman W.G. Grace was the founder member of this 'Exclusive Club' scoring the 100th century in 1895 followed by Tom Hayward (Surrey) in 1913.

Ten years later, Sir Jack Hobbs



Glenn Turner

	Season Achieved	Age	Innings taken	Years played	Career runs	100's
W.G. Grace	1895	45	1113	30	54,896	126
Tom Hayward	1913	42	1076	21	43,551	104
Sir Jack Hobbs	1923	40	821	19	61,237	199
Philip Mead	1927	40	892	33	55,061	153
Patsy Hendred	1928-29	38	740	22	57,611	170
Frank Woolley	1929	42	1031	24	58,969	145
Herbert Sutcliffe	1932	32	700	14	50,135	149
Ernest Tyldesley	1934	45	919	26	38,874	102
Walter Hammond	1935	32	679	15	50,493	167
Andy Sandham	1935	44	871	25	41,283	107
Sir Donald Bradman	1947-48	39	295	20	28,067	117
Les Ames	1950	44	915	25	37,245	102
Sir Len Hutton	1951	35	619	18	40,140	129
Dennis Compton	1952	34	552	17	38,942	123
Tom Graveney	1954	37	940	17	47,793	122
Colin Cowdrey	1973	40	1035	24	42,719	107
John Edrich	1977	39	945	25	39,790	103
Geoff Boycott	1977	36	645	15	40,152	127
Glenn Turner	1982	37	781	17	33,042	100

Note: Career runs are complete before the start of the current English season.

(Surrey) repeated the feat in his 821st first class innings and went on to become the highest century maker in first class cricket.

The great Australian batsman Sir Donald Bradman was the first non-Englishman to reach this milestone while playing for an Australian XI against an Indian touring team at Sydney in 1947-48. It was only his 295th innings—the quickest to reach this feat in terms of innings. The other batsmen who have achieved this landmark in fewer number of innings after Bradman are Dennis Compton (Middlesex) in 552 innings and Sir Len Hutton (Yorkshire) in 619 innings.

There are only two instances in first

class cricket who have achieved the feat of scoring 100 centuries in the same season. Walter Hammond (Gloucestershire) and Andy Sandham (Surrey) was the first pair to hit their 100th century in 1935 and John Edrich (Surrey) and Geoff Boycott (Yorkshire) were the second and last pair to achieve this landmark in 1977.

Boycott is the only batsman to reach this coveted figure in a Test match against Australia in front of a capacity crowd on his home ground, Headingley in 1977.

Above is the complete list of the players who have achieved the feat of hitting a hundred centuries in first class cricket.

## SPORTING SAM . . . . . by Reg Wootton



# Teething troubles should be overcome

**T**HROUGH thick and thin, women's cricket pulls on

Starved of funds and playing facilities which are male preserve, the women are really up against it. But every adversity only serves to make them stronger and more determined.

The latest instance of this was the staging in Bombay of the first Dr. Smt. Savitri Solomons Trophy women's cricket tournament by Sporting Union Club, which has been in existence for two years.

Considering that Bombay is the undisputed home of Indian cricket,

cricketing activity among the fair sex has not kept pace and is concentrated in a few pockets. Organisationally, the Bombay Women's Cricket Association has been bogged by lack of finance. Thus it is that in nine years not a single "Test" has been held in Bombay, the only two international matches to be played here being the West Zone vs. New Zealanders and President's XI against England ties.

The picture on the domestic front has been even more grim. No all-India tournament has been held in the city and the only big event was the Polson

Trophy, a selection tournament for the West Zone team.

Where participation is concerned, players have to fend for themselves—that is, raise their own funds for travel and stay, and there have been instances of deserving ones being left behind and the more affluent making international trips.

Bombay takes part only in the National Championship; for the Junior and Sub-Junior Nationals, it does not have funds to send teams. Contrast this with the premier state in women's cricket in India, Bengal which has 23 clubs, 18 of them affiliated to the WCAI and over 300 players and enjoys the patronage of the state sports council.

It was with a view to exposing the junior women's cricketers of the city to topclass women's cricket that Shobha Pandit, a long-serving India Test player, organised the tournament against great odds of finance. There were two teams from outside Bombay—Bengal and Maharashtra—and two from within, Bombay and Sporting Union, led by Shobha Pandit herself.

Bengal, who are the national senior and sub-junior champs (they were runners-up in the junior national to Bihar), were expected to win. But while they beat Maharashtra by 56 runs in the 45-over encounter, they lost to Bombay by 65 runs.

In the former match, international opener Gargi Benerjee hit an unbeaten

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The "Best Batswoman" Shubhangi Kulkarni attempts a drive watched by Bombay keeper Kapadia

90 for Bengal's score of 159 for two Maharashtra 48 for one at one stage collapsed to 93 for five and 103 all out against international mediumpacer Lopamudra Bhattacharya who claimed four for 25

A feature of this tie was that the rival wicketkeepers Chandana Mukherjee of Bengal and Nilima Barve did not concede a single bye. The former looks an India prospect

Against Bombay Bengal had a stiff task because they dropped catches and batted second. Bombay's internationals Vrinda Bhagat and Anjali Gurjar were let off early on by Lopamudra off her own bowling. Bhagat made 17 while Gurjar hit up the top score of 53 before being sixth out. Bombay made 139 for nine wickets of which the Bengal wicket-keeper had a hand in five, claiming three catches and running out two batswomen.

Bengal's batting was held on a tight leash by the unflagging duo of mediumpacer Laya Francis and left-arm Diana Eduljee. The two were backed up well by the fielders' five high catches bringing credit to them. Opener Gargi Banerjee played a lone hand making 20. Diana claimed five for 38 and Francis 3 for 32. They were the best two bowlers on view in this tournament.

India captain Diana claimed 12 wickets in three matches and the lean Francis nine, but the latter was given the bowling prize in the tournament as an encouragement for the future. Bowling 19 accurate overs on the trot against Bengal was quite a feat for the inexperienced Francis.

Maharashtra finished third but were happy in that their main purpose of blooding youngsters was served. They brought a squad of 19 to gain experience of match play which they got. The ubiquitous Shubhangi Kulkarni was their stellar performer. Tied up with organisation, it is a wonder that Shubhangi can concentrate on the playing aspect. Scores of 78, 29 and 110 indicated her infinite capacities for big cricket and made her the undisputed batswoman of the tournament. A useful legspinner to boot, Shubhangi must be



**Maharashtra's Nilima Barve, the Best Allrounder, drives Diana Eduljee in the match against Bombay**

among the foremost women all-rounders in the game today.

Thanks to Shubhangi's hundred against Sporting Union who were a cut below the rest of the teams, Maharashtra were the only team to cross the 200 mark.

Shobha Pandit is Shubhangi's counterpart in the Sporting Union team. The cares of organisation did not burden Shobha, who had scores of 24, 86 not out and 52 out of 84 in the concluding match against Bengal. Sporting Union's other impressive players were Arun dhati Ghosh, who played no mean role in organisation and who shone with the bat and ball, and left-arm spinner Vishaka Achrekar, who claimed six Bengal wickets in final tie. But for the presence of Diana Eduljee, Vishaka would have had greater chances in the Bombay team.

The tournament threw up new players but was disappointing where spectatorship was concerned. The Test venue, the Brabourne Stadium, failed to

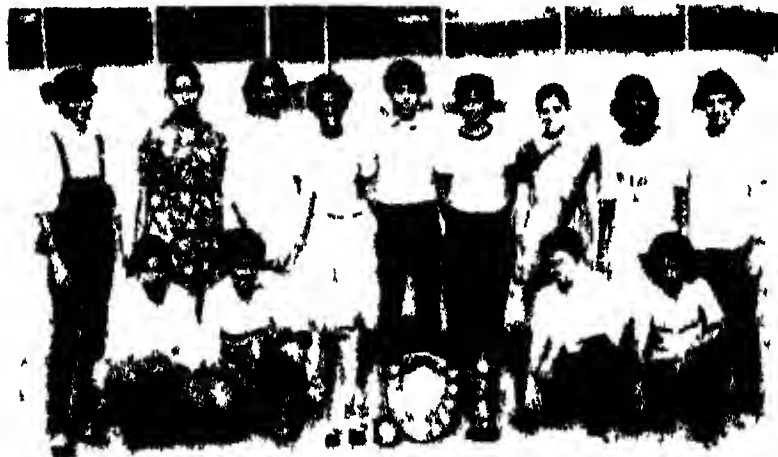
draw the crowds that a match on the maidans would have.

The fielding was an improvement over what one has seen with Bengal and Bombay players being outstanding. And it was fitting that Maharashtra's Nilima Barve should get the best allrounder award. In two matches she kept wickets flawlessly and when discarding the gloves in the third match proved versatile in the field as well. Against Sporting Union Barve scored 87 and added 168 runs with skipper Shubhangi.

The bubbling enthusiasm of the players was symbolised by the Bengal's Keya Roy making light of her weight and throwing on the full from the boundary which was the normal 75 yards.

Yes, women's cricket can make it to the top provided the teething troubles are helped to be overcome.

**SW Correspondent**



**The victorious Bombay team  
Pics: Pradeep Jadhav and Gopal Bhat**



**Mediumpacer Laya Francis  
the Best Bowler**



## Pages from the Past

Begin today... a new series entitled "Pages from the Past," where forgotten personalities and humorous anecdotes are revived—yet another addition to SPORTSWEEK's many regular features

# He won an event he never heard about!

**S**O this is what a discus looks like!

Believe it or not, this was the comment of an athlete who went on to win the Olympic discus throw title.

He had never seen a discus before participation in the Games.

This is the success story of America's Robert Garrett the first discus throw champion in the annals of Olympic history having won the event at the first Games in 1896 at Athens.

The winning distance was 29 15 m. 95 ft 7½ in.

A shot put specialist, Garrett while

studying the Olympic programme noticed that discus throw was one of the field events. He asked a colleague what a discus looked like and was told that the dimensions were one inch in thickness and 12 inches in width.

Garrett ordered a special disc to be made exactly that size. When it arrived at Princeton University, where he studied, it looked like a giant pancake and weighed nearly 20 pounds. He had a couple of test throws and then decided to leave the discus to the Greeks.

It was not until he arrived in Athens, only one day prior to the opening of the Games, that he saw a real discus.

Garrett was delighted to find that it was much smaller and lighter than the home-made implement he had been having around at home.

After some practice throws, he decided to enter the event so that he could get accustomed to the stadium atmosphere in preparation for the shot put. He never nurtured hopes of a victory against the experienced rivals.

Garrett was as stunned as the two stylish Greek favourites when with his final throw he won the event.

Panagiotis Paraskeyopoulos (28.95 m) and Sotirios Verais (28.78 m) finished second and third respectively.

He went on to win the shot put with an effort of 11.22 m., and beating two other Greeks in the process.

That was not all of Garrett's success story.

He also bagged the second place in the long jump (6.18 m.) and tied for the second place in the high jump with a distance of 1.65 m.

Garrett was known for his generosity as well as his strength. From a wealthy family, he paid for three fellow Princeton students to make the trip to Athens as members of the American team.

## The Athenian principle

**A**S with several of the visiting teams at the first Olympic Games at Athens, the selection process seemed to be quite simple: if you can get to Athens, you're in!

The 14-strong American team arrived at Athens by cross-Atlantic steamer just one day before the opening ceremony. The Americans thought they had given themselves 11 days to acclimatize and train but they had time for their arrival by the Gregorian calendar.

They had nearly missed the Games.

Their Greek hosts were so overjoyed to see them that they insisted on giving them a huge welcoming banquet on their first night in Athens. It was an overfed and hungover team that reported for training the next morning.

But when the bugle call came for action on the track and field, they reacted as eagerly as if it were the signal for a cavalry charge.

The team of eleven came home with honours.

## The Olympian motto

**T**HE Olympic motto CITIUS-ALTIUS-FORTIUS translated into English from Greek means FASTER-HIGHER-STRONGER.

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# Oh, these daft decisions!

**T**HERE were times when one was compelled to conclude that few could act in as strange a fashion as the Board of Control for Cricket in India

The Test and County Cricket Board have shown that they can be just as daft by removing David Constant from the panel of umpires for the series against India

Thus what this writer feared when Mohd Ghouse was shamelessly let down by our Board has come to pass

It was the first time when Authority had failed to rise in defence of an umpire whose integrity was in effect being questioned

At the time, I had said that the Board was setting up a dangerous precedent which might not only lead to a chain reaction but also put all Test panel umpires under extreme pressure by visiting teams

With the Indian Board having upheld the protest by the Englishmen last season, the T C C B perhaps had no option but to concede the Indians' demand that Constant be removed from the panel of umpires

It is not clear whether the Indians' protest was lodged with the knowledge and consent of the Board officials. Probably not, as both the president and secretary of the Board were in India at the time

Even if these worthies had been contacted and their consent obtained, our team has not exactly enhanced the image of Indian cricket by taking this extreme step

Nor will the Indians be getting any tangible benefit by Constant's removal. On the other hand, they may well be incurring the wrath of all umpires in England

The point to be borne in mind is that all umpiring decisions are final and binding. Even when it appears as though the umpire had been partial or plain inefficient, the fact remains that his decisions cannot be altered

Under the circumstances, the best course always is to accept an umpire's decision with grace

On the one hand, the Indians have been trying to build up a reputation as a sporting side by pulling up players who showed even a trace of dissent over an umpiring decision

On the other, they have spoilt it all by pressing for Constant's removal from the panel

Equally contradictory is manager Ray

that they had to endure several bad decisions

What else does the statement mean except that poor umpiring was one of the causes for the Indians' defeat?

Having been outplayed in the Prudential matches, the Indian's anxiety to ensure a better fate for themselves in the Tests is understandable

Even then, the protest can only be seen as a bid to put England and the English umpires under psychological pressure

The reasons why Constant has been singled out also appear to be similar to those that led to England's demand for the removal of Ghouse

Even though the Englishmen were highly critical of our umpiring from the time they lost the first Test, the appointment of Ghouse alarmed them as he had officiated in the only Test they had lost on the 1976-77 tour at Bangalore

Similarly, the Indians were sore over some of Constant's decisions which they believed, robbed them of victory at the historic match at the Oval on the last trip in 1979 when they were set to score 438 in 445 minutes plus the mandatory overs and fell short of the target by just nine runs

By their protest the Indians have made it known that English umpires are not as infallible as the cricket world believes them to be

However, the crucial question to be asked is whether such protests are in the best interests of the game. The answer can only be an emphatic no

We are now reaching a dangerous state where the appointment of an umpire is being governed not so much by his intrinsic merits as by the whims and fancies of a visiting team

It can easily lead to a stage where visiting teams will be hard to please and where umpires and umpiring decisions will generate more heat and debate than ever before

In such a situation even the appointment of neutral umpires may be of little help

It is time therefore that controlling bodies firmly put their foot down on protests against an umpire's appointment before a match

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**T**HE sad story of Sohan Singh ought to make our sports officials hang their heads in shame

India's champion middle-distance runner of the 50's, he has had to work variously as labourer, watchman and gate keeper since his retirement from the army and finally sell the silver medal he won at the Manila Asiad. How tragic!

In the year of the Delhi Asiad that will cost us several crores, Sohan Singh's pitiable plight ought to be a grim reminder of how we neglect our sportsmen once they are past their best

It should also make us spring into action and rush to the aid of Sohan Singh and others similarly placed

## Quotes

"Don't liken me to Bjorn Borg. Every player is different. I started tennis when I was seven and I was using a double handed backhand before Borg was famous."

—Mats Wilander, the giant killing 17 year old Swede after he upset Ivan Lendl in the French Open

"Wimbledon last year provided the two worst weeks of my life. The general attitude of the place got to me. I am not saying that everything was bad there. The tournament has obviously got prestige and other things that are very appealing."

—John McEnroe

"If I play at Wimbledon—and I now have nearly two weeks to decide—I will have to practise on grass to give myself an edge."



"You know that I'm always at my happiest best when I'm scoring runs and big runs at that. I am still weak and have to conserve my energy a little—but my appetite for the game has never deserted me."

—Zakariya Khan

## The big scar on Ovett's horizon

**S**TEVE OVETT'S new affluence, following the announcement that he has signed a three-year contract for £80,000 with the paper copying firm, U-Bix, still leaves, for me, his 1982 racing season in considerable doubt.

Amidst all the commercial celebrations, the 26-year-old world 1500 metres record holder and Olympic 800 metres champion took me to one side and then rolled up his right trouser leg.

"That's it," he said, "pretty, isn't it?" I stared at a thick scar, all of eight inches long, just above his knee on the front of his thigh, the bleak evidence of his winter training accident when he crashed into a churchyard wall.

"It was a question of familiarity breeding contempt," explained Ovett, "because I've run that course to many times before."

"What I did, really, was to smash up the muscle in the thigh. I went into plaster, then I got an infection and then when the plaster came off, the whole thing just burst open, exploded."

He has, he said, learned painfully now not to try and hurry things. Especially since it was found that the right thigh of a man we take almost for granted running sub-four minute miles, had actually wasted by one and a half inches after the accident.

He began trying to strengthen the leg in his Brighton flat by lifting a pile of books attached by a strap to his foot. "There has been some progress, of course, but I still feel inhibited about speed training. And I'm going to need a couple of races, if I'm to be ready for July 17."

That date is the first of the three much heralded races with arch-rival, Sebastian Coe. At the moment it would be quite unwise to take for granted Ovett's appearance there and certainly unfair to expect him to be even at 80 per cent of his top form by then.

NEIL ALLEN

## £4 million for Maradona

**A**RGINA'S 21-year-old superstar Diego Maradona has joined Spanish club Barcelona for a world record fee of nearly £4 million.

But Maradona, who currently plays for Argentine First Division side Boca

## The Bjorn Borg dilemma

**O**NLY money stands in the way of a divorce for Sweden's former world number one Bjorn Borg, according to West German newspaper "Bild Zeitung".

The newspaper quotes Borg as



*The Borgs...will their love match do battle in a court of law?*

saying, "I want to divorce Mariana, but I am not going to because she is claiming a 12-million dollar settlement".

According to the West German newspaper Borg confided his dilemma to friends when he was in Hamburg as a spectator at West German tennis championships.

Borg married Romanian tennis player Mariana Simonescu in a much-publicised ceremony in 1980. Since then rumours that she was seriously ill and latterly that the couple were splitting up have ebbed.

Borg's form declined since his marriage and he lost his world number one spot to John McEnroe the following year.

Many sports observers attributed his loss of form to personal problems. After an attempted come-back this year following five months away from the courts, Borg has decided not to return to competitive tennis until next year.

## Mats is a Bjorn winner

**M**ATS WILANDER has got what it takes to become the new super-Swede at Wimbledon.

"I know my style is very similar to that of Borg and I suppose it's inevitable that I'll be compared with him," he said. "But that is not really possible in reality."

"He's perhaps the greatest player of all time."

With Bjorn Borg out of this year's championship, this strapping 17-year-old sun-bronzed Adonis is sure to command film-star treatment from giggly young girls in search of a new hero.

He showed he can play, too, he smashed his way through the French Open becoming the youngest ever winner in the history of the championships.

## Martina accused of cheating!

**M**ARTINA NAVRATILOVA won the French championship in Paris and was then sensationally accused of cheating by her beaten opponent, 17-year-old fellow American, Andrei Jeger.

Andrei claimed Martina had been getting illegal signals and advice all through her 7-6, 6-1 success from her coach, Renee Richards, and a friend, American basketball player Nancy Lieberman, who were sitting together in a court-side box.

against the rules. They were telling her what to do at the time and it just blew my concentration.

"I can see why Martina gives them credit for her victories. It is okay playing one person but tougher to play against three."

Martina and Richards—the former Richard Rafkind—angrily denied the charge.

"We do all our planning before the match," said Martina. "I knew exactly how to play Andrei when I went on court. I won fair and square."

Richards added: "I made no signals or words during the match and the only shouting Nancy did was the normal sort of encouragement anybody would give to a friend."

"It is very sad if Martina's victory in one of the biggest championships in the world is being tarnished by accusations of this sort."

## Bob for Wimbledon

**B**OB MAHADEOKAR has been selected for the fifth time in succession to officiate at the 1982 Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championship to be held in London between June 21 and July 4, 1982.

Dr. Mahadeokar, whose trip is being sponsored by Panama Filter Kings, is the only Indian who has officiated at the Wimbledon and US Open Tournaments, besides umpiring Davis Cup matches.

# Victorious Test Captain

**W**HEN I learnt that I was to be India's captain in the official Tests against England at home, I took stock of the situation after overcoming the first reaction of astonishment and surprise at this sudden windfall. I had not anyway tried for the Test captaincy. I thought it was a good thing for me that I was so far away from the scene of the undesirable and unwarranted controversy. Now that I had a 'fait accompli', I thought it better to do a little homework.

I learnt that some senior members of the England team who had just finished a Test rubber against South Africa had decided not to go to India. When the final touring party was announced it was thought that the M.C.C. had not chosen their strongest side but were sending an experimental team.

But I have seen enough of the thoroughly professional approach of the county cricketers to think lightly of our prospective opponents. In cricket it never pays to underestimate your adversaries.

These being my thoughts I decided to treat the Tests seriously. Although it was my first essay as India's Test captain, I was not new to the problem of captaincy. As vice-captain of the Indian touring side to Australia a few seasons earlier, I had led the team in a few matches. I had done the same in domestic cricket. Even at the international level, I had taken over the leadership against the First Commonwealth side when the captain-elect, Merchant, cried off due to injury. What is more, I was lucky to be the captain of the Indian side to win two unofficial Tests and eventually the series against those tourists. We went on to win after being down by 'a Test'. So I went to the first official Test at Delhi against England with all the confidence in the world and great hopes.

## Modest score

England won the toss, but we undoubtedly claimed the honours at the end of the first day. We dismissed England for a modest score of 203. We were indebted in a large measure to the wiles of our leg break-cum-googly bowler Shinde. Mixing his wrong 'uns' cleverly with orthodox leg breaks and top-spinners and flighting the ball tantalisingly Shinde returned the best figures of his Test career, 6 for 91.

For India Merchant opened as usual but with a new partner Pankaj Roy. Unluckily Roy failed, so did Umrigar who had batted so well against the two Commonwealth sides. With India's score 64 for 2, I joined Merchant. Our aim was to wear down the opponents and build up a sizeable total. A lead of

about 200 would leave us a sufficient margin of runs and time to dispose off the opponents for a second time.

With this plan Merchant and I played our usual steady game. I noted a defensive field placing by the opposing captain. He was of course entitled to adopt such tactics as his side was dismissed cheaply in the first innings and he was obliged to play for time. Merchant duly completed a faultless and solid century. I kept him company and I too scored my hundred which was my first against England.

Merchant came up to me after completing his 'ton' and asked me if he could have a go at the bowling. I thought this was not in the interest of the side and suggested to him to carry on in the way he was doing. We overtook the opponents' total. Our partnership was worth 211, then an Indian record for any wicket. Merchant was then bowled round his legs for 154.

From a position of comfort at 275 for two, we unaccountably slumped and were 328 for six. Our hopes of establishing a commanding lead seemed to fade. But Adhikari stayed with me. We ended the day with our total at 418 for six. We had a lead of 215 and two days remained. I was still batting with 164 at close.

We had a lead of more than 200 and two full days to get the opponents in them.

We got three good wickets. But our

misfortunes started with an injury to Merchant who left the field and as it transpired later the Test scene altogether. His substitute missed an easy chance. The irony of it is that the fielder was a very good cover point. If the opposing captain had objected to his being placed in almost a specialist position, I would have been forced to keep him in another position. Obviously affected by the 'nerves' in a Test match atmosphere, the youngster dropped a couple of easy catches. Nor did the other fielders help. The wicketkeeper, normally a reliable performer behind the sticks, after a competent display in the first innings went to pieces in the second and had his share of dropped catches. It was a luxury we could ill afford in a Test.

The wicket continued to remain true and firm. Both Mankad and Shinde bowled their hearts out and had a spate of maidens to their credit. But they could not pierce through the defence of the dour Englishmen. The fight back was led by the left hander Watkins, the senior professional of the side. For nearly nine hours he kept up a vigil and remained unbeaten with a painstaking and match-saving 138. England replied with 368 for 6 to force an honourable draw.

The second Test was played at the Brabourne Stadium. Merchant was unfit to play. We however welcomed Amarnath back in the Test folds after a long lay-off. It was hoped that he would strengthen both the batting and the



Now you see why I say slacks are not kind to the fuller figure!

## A Long Innings

bowling Phadkar was also not fit and his place was taken by Sohoni. A new wicketkeeper, Mantri was also tried as an opening batsman. The out of form Modi was dropped after his batting failure and somewhat indifferent fielding.

I won the toss. But I could not immediately decide whether to bat first or not. The reason for my hesitation was in our last year's inglorious collapse against the Commonwealth side. Further Ridgway who had started the rout then was again in the opponents' ranks. After weighing all the pros and cons and knowing that history had all along rejected the move to put the opponents in, I finally decided to bat.

Our new opening pair of Roy and Mantri got us off to a good start. When Mantri fell, Umrigar once again did not come off. I joined Roy and we stayed till Roy was out to the last ball of the day. A little uneasy against pace in the initial stages of his innings, Roy later settled down to a strokeful display and duly completed his first Test century. We shared a stand of 187 for the third wicket when Roy was out for 140.

Next morning I completed my own century in about 3½ hours' batting. It was my second successive hundred against England in two Tests.

After my ton I went through a series of mishaps and incidents. In trying to hook a Ridgway bumper I mistimed it and as a result received a nasty crack above the eyebrow. I am not aware that I was 'wobbly' as alleged by our 'celebrated cricket historian', Statham. I merely walked back to the pavilion to have the wound treated.

## Misunderstanding

After resumption just as I was again getting the measure of the bowling a misunderstanding between me and Sarwate about taking a run resulted in my being run-out. It was my first run-out and the only one in my Test career of 52 innings. In passing I may mention that so far I had taken 319 runs off the English attack in my two Test innings and I had not yet lost my wicket to a bowler.

Anyway I made 155 and when India's total reached 485 for 9, I declared. On a near perfect wicket our only chance was to hold all our catches. We once again were let down by poor catching. The costliest lapse came from Vinoo Mankad, normally an excellent fielder of his own bowling. He dropped Graveney when that stylish batsman gave a return catch to the bowler with his own score at 80. Graveney went on to make 175 and save the day for England. He received solid support from the reliable Watkins who made 80. England's reply was 456.

When both the sides' first innings completed the match had already run into the afternoon of the fourth day and a draw seemed a foregone conclusion. I however wanted to make a match of it. I instructed my batsmen to speed up the

scoring. We almost came to a grief. Before the end of the day's play, we lost 4 good wickets for a paltry 42. In trying to get away Watkins, I hit the ball uppishly and was caught for six. Amarnath too did not stay long.

The unexpected collapse continued on the final day and we were at one stage in certain danger of a defeat. We were rescued by a rear-guard action by Mankar and Gopinath. They saw us through.

The third Test at Calcutta began on a lifeless wicket which did not encourage any stroke play. Slow scoring became inevitable and the bowlers got their wickets mainly through indiscretions of the batsmen rather than by their craft. The only excitement in this otherwise colourless draw was when Tattersall, an off spinner bowled me and Amarnath in the space of just four balls. They were two good deliveries. I had just started with a confident stroke and was beaten by the flight of the ball for only three.

Knowing that the newly laid turf wicket at Kanpur would favour the spinners, the selectors had packed our side with twerkers.

## Alternate

The luck of the toss seemed to alternate between Howard and me. This time the coin favoured me. The pace attack of the opponents proved innocuous. The introduction of the spinners started our landslide. The visitors had included left-handed slow bowler Hilton for the first time in the Test side. On the helpful Kanpur wicket both Hilton and Tattersall had a field day and they routed us for a beggarly 121. I was out for a duck.

I started with spinners in view of the dreadfully under prepared surface. Only the stubborn Watkins played them with any amount of confidence and made 66. Still the touring side succeeded in scoring 203.

Although Adhikari resisted with a well made 60, India's second innings realised no more than a small total of 157. England scored the required number of runs for the loss of just a couple of wickets to lead in the series.

But the spirit of cricket encourages the never-say-die attitude. We felt sure that with a determined effort we could still square the rubber. The last Test was to be played at Madras. In the past Madras had proved lucky for me. I was the lucky leader of India to win the series in the unofficial Test against first Commonwealth side. Barring the solitary instance of our unhappy experience against the West Indies, I had always finished on the winning side even in Ranji Trophy matches at the southern venue.

England made a change in captaincy when Howard was unable to play.

Donald Carr had his only opportunity of leading England in a Test.

Carr's only stroke of luck in the fifth Test was in calling correctly. He decided to bat on a good wicket. Our boys were determined to fight all the way. Phadkar drew first blood for us when he bowled opener Lowson before many runs were on the board. After that it was Vinoo Mankad all the way. The slow left-hander struck deadly blows to get rid of Graveney and Watkins who were the most dangerous of the opposing batsmen.

English batsmen were intent on defending their wickets with an obvious goal of saving the Test. The first day's play saw half the English side out with about 200 runs on the board, Mankad continued the work of destruction. In a career best performance of 8 for 55, Vino bowled with all his guile, accuracy and deceptive flight. The visitors' first innings folded for 266.

## Display

I instructed my batsmen to be on the look out for the runs. I came in at No. 3. Opener Roy clipped in with his second century in the series, his earlier being in Bombay. Phadkar got into his sixties. But the display to be remembered was that of Umrigar. He made an unbeaten century.

Originally relegated to the position of a 12th man, Umrigar came into the side at the late minute owing to an injury to Adhikari. He made full use of this heaven sent opportunity and scored an unbeaten century. India, for the third time in the present series topped the 400 mark. With our score at 457 for 9, I declared with a lead of 191.

When the opponents went in for a second time, our new ball attack of Phadkar and Divecha did their bit and got rid of the openers. After this start the spinners took over. Ghulam Ahmed struck early with his off-spin. Mankad kept the batsmen quiet but could not get enough spin to beat the bat. I went up to him and discussed with him the necessity of more spin. He tried with telling effect to abet Ghulam Ahmed the work of destruction of the 'enemy'. The contrasting spin of this pair proved too much for the opponents and each had a bag of 4 wickets. Mankad returned his best bowling performance in the Tests with a rich haul of 12 wickets and was more than anybody else, instrumental in taking us to a victory.

And what a victory it was! Not only did we win by an innings and 8 runs with a day to spare but gave India their first-ever Test victory at the 25th attempt. I saw the jubilant looks on the faces of my colleagues and felt proud of them. It was a supreme team effort with youth and experience combining to achieve a target which had so far proved elusive. For me it was my proudest moment as I was the fortunate one to lead this band of cricketers to India's first ever Test triumph.

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# Baroda's convincing victory

**T**HE long-drawn out seven day semifinal between Bombay and Maharashtra, followed by a similar final between Bombay and Baroda led to drastic changes in the duration of the matches in the championship. Obviously concerned about the welfare of the game, the Indian Cricket Board, at its annual meeting held in June 1949, made alterations to Rules 11 and 12 dealing with the duration of matches.

The old rules stated "All matches up to the zone final matches should be of four days duration, and the semifinals and final should be played to a finish. For all matches there shall be not less than five nor more than five and half hours cricket per day subject to weather conditions or other conditions at the discretion of the umpires. In the event of the first innings not being concluded of either team within four days, the match shall be decided by the spin of the coin."

The altered rules, worded more simply stated "The preliminary rounds of the matches upto semi finals shall be four days duration, the semi finals of five days with the result declared on first innings if two innings are not completed within that time. If even one innings is not finished the result should be ascertained by the spin of the coin. The final shall also be of five days duration or till the completion of one innings. All the matches should be of five and half hours play a day, subject to weather conditions or any other conditions at the discretion of the umpires." The important changes related to the duration of the semi finals and final, providing for the alternative of decision on first innings scores. In substance, the changed rules continue to operate even today.

## Jubilation

Baroda, the runners up of the previous season, won the championship, defeating Holkar in the final. "Victory must have tasted sweet for Baroda," recalls Vijay Hazare, who played a great part in the triumph. "It was achieved in a convincing manner and against some doughty opponents. What gave us great pleasure was the fact that the Baroda ruler (the final was played at Baroda) was an interested spectator and felt happy that his boys did not let him down. We all wanted to do well and a failure would have been a terrible let-down. There was jubilation in the Baroda camp when we won decisively. Fittingly enough the golden trophy was handed over by him to the victorious and proud Baroda team."

The architect of Baroda's triumph was Vijay Hazare. He dominated both batting and bowling, not only of his team but

also of the season. He aggregated 609 runs, average 101.50 and took 28 wickets, average 16.21. Only Hiralal Gaikwad of Holkar was ahead of him in taking 29 wickets but his average was 21.72.

"In any one season in the annals of Indian cricket no player has dominated it so much as Hazare during the last year (1949-50) as he himself could not have asked for a more memorable season. Ever since he played that historic innings of 316 not out for Maharashtra against Baroda in the Ranji Trophy championship in 1936, Hazare has performed brilliantly season after season. But last year, his form reached its peak, being both brilliant and consistent, in the 'Test' matches against the first Commonwealth team as well as in the Ranji Trophy championship.

In the 'Test' matches he made scores

of 20 and 140, 39 and 64, 175 not out and 31 not out, 6 and 41 not out, 77 and 84, and in the Ranji Trophy championship his record was 0 v Bombay, 195 v Kathiawar, 99 v Gujarat, 84 v Madras, 130 and 101 v Holkar in the final. Consequent to an injury to Vijay Merchant, Hazare captained the last three 'Tests' and led India to a 2-1 rubber victory.

Baroda's success was the result of the assiduous building up of the team in the last few seasons, under the leadership of the police officer, R.B. Nimbalkar. What was also satisfying was the all-round form of Gul Mahomed who scored 312 runs and bagged 20 wickets. While S.K. Vichare (270 runs) and S.G. Powar (221) invariably gave a good start to the innings, young D.K. Gaekwad, who had been shaped by Hazare himself, lived up to his promise. His aggregate of 342

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## Ranji Trophy Tourney

runs, next only to Hazare's, included a hundred in each innings, 128 and 101 not out against Gujarat. Besides the senior Hazare and Gul Mahomed the veteran leg-spinner Amir Elahi touched fine form and had a tally of 20 wickets.

Though Shute Banerjee of Bihar in batting (320 runs and 17 wickets) and bowling and young Lakshmi-chand Saxena of Delhi (409 runs) reached the top level in performances, it was really the Holkar stars who vied for honours with those of Baroda. Twenty-nine year old Chandu Sarwate was outstanding, hitting up 530 runs and bagging 22 wickets. Mushtaq Ali (467) was both brilliant and consistent while the veteran C.S. Nayudu was only beaten in the honours for all-round performance by Sarwate, he scored 323 runs and took 20 wickets.

Hiralal Gaikwad led the bowlers with a bag of 29 wickets. The consistency of these performers was strengthened by the deeds of M.M. Jagdale and the diminutive J.N. Bhaya and the inspiring leadership of C.K. Nayudu. Holkar were really favourites to win the championship but found their match in Baroda in the final.

### Collapsed

On financial grounds the open knock-out plan tried out in 1948-49 was given up and the zonal pattern was revived. Baroda opened the season with a win over a depleted Bombay side at Baroda. Bombay the holders, collapsed for 114 runs after a deadly spell from Vijay Hazare and Gul Mahomed. On the other hand poor catching helped Baroda to consolidate their grip on the game with a score of 297 runs, the bowlers to suffer being medium off-break bowler B.C. Alva and leg spinner Sarangapani. Still, they got five and three wickets for 41 and 79 runs respectively. Again Hazare and Gul Mahomed skittled out Madras for 69 runs. Each took three wickets, to finish with match figures of six for 46 and seven for 48.

Vijay Hazare scoring 195 and claiming seven wickets for 83 runs for the match dominated Baroda's next

victory over Kathiawar, the former Western India States team. Besides scoring 46, Gul Mahomed took six for 60 and two for 36 and provided good support to Hazare. Baroda made 382 and dismissed Kathiawar for 180 and 145 to register another innings win. Though Gaikwad distinguished himself in Baroda's next match against Gujarat with a century in each innings, the off-break bowling of Jasu Patel was quite a feature of the match. If the chances that Gaikwad, Hazare (99) and Gul Mahomed (30) had given been accepted the progress of the match could have been different. As it turned out, Baroda made 357 and 348 for four declared while Gujarat replied with 284 and 211 for four. Baroda were then declared winners on their first innings lead.

### Exploit

Baroda travelled South to Madras to exploit a rain-affected pitch at Chepauk to defeat the home team by an innings and 125 runs. Backed by smart fielding Baroda, who had asked Madras to bat first, dismissed them for 103 runs mainly through the bowling of Vijay Hazare and Gul Mahomed. On the other hand poor catching helped Baroda to consolidate their grip on the game with a score of 297 runs, the bowlers to suffer being medium off-break bowler B.C. Alva and leg spinner Sarangapani. Still, they got five and three wickets for 41 and 79 runs respectively. Again Hazare and Gul Mahomed skittled out Madras for 69 runs. Each took three wickets, to finish with match figures of six for 46 and seven for 48.

Holkar mowed down Assam through the bowling of C.K. Nayudu, C.S. and Sarwate, defeating them by an innings and 55 runs. C.K. got five for 15 in the first innings and Sarwate five for 21 in the second. Assam made 50 and 52 and Holkar, in their only innings, got 157. Scoring 141 in reply to Holkar's first innings of 92, West Bengal seemed to have a firm grip on the match but a brilliant third wicket stand of 248 runs in the second innings between Mushtaq Ali and Sarwate enabled Holkar to come back into the fight.

Mushtaq Ali was in irresistible form, cutting, driving and glancing with

abandon. He scored 191. Sarwate, whose 115 run knock, was a good mixture of caution and aggression proved a fine foil. However, with his fine bowling Girdhari caused a collapse of the innings from 372 for three to 429. He took seven for 132. Bengal fell for 251 runs, with Gaikwad capturing six for 84, for a match bag of 10 for 120. Bihar stretched Holkar to the limit in the East Zone final.

After being dismissed for 226—Gaikwad five for 91—Bihar had three Holkar wickets down for 16 runs thanks to a fine spell by Shute Banerjee, but C.K. Nayudu and Jagdale, followed by C.S. and Bhaya (80) revived the innings. Holkar made 262. Gaikwad again took five for 102 as Bihar made 254 in the second innings. Needing 219 for a win Holkar lost three wickets for 59 runs but C.S., who scored a breezy 90, with the support of Mushtaq Ali (37) and C.K. (37 not out) paved the way for a five-wicket win.

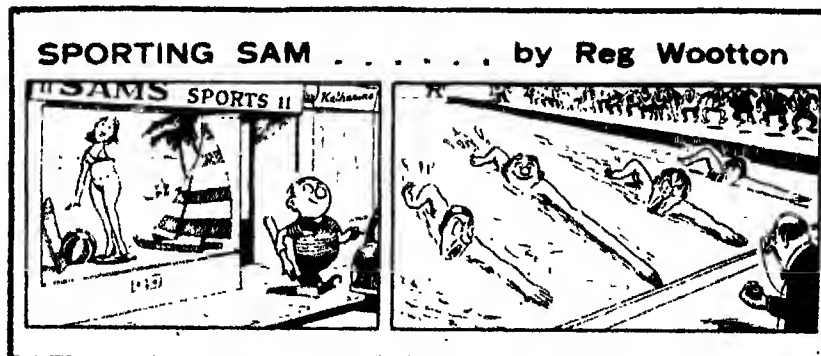
Holkar raised a tall score of 615 runs in the semifinal against Delhi, Sarwate taking credit for a magnificent 235, his highest in the championship. Lakshmi-chand Saxena's fine 116 marked Delhi's reply of 335. Thanks to C.K. and C.S. 86 runs each, and Jagdale (72) Holkar made 355 in the second innings. But scoring 253 for seven at final draw of stumps Delhi drew the match. Holkar were, however, declared winners on first innings lead.

### Keen race

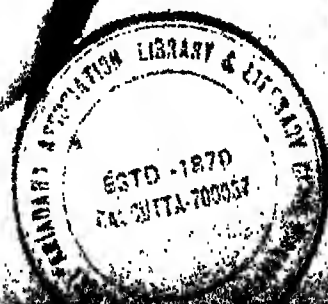
The final between Baroda and Holkar, fought out on the matting wicket at Baroda, turned out as a keen race for the first innings lead, which Baroda, replying to Holkar's 419 gained by 18 runs. If Mushtaq Ali's beautiful 140 was the piece de resistance of the Holkar innings, Vijay Hazare's 130 in Baroda's reply was a classic exhibition of all-round strokeplay.

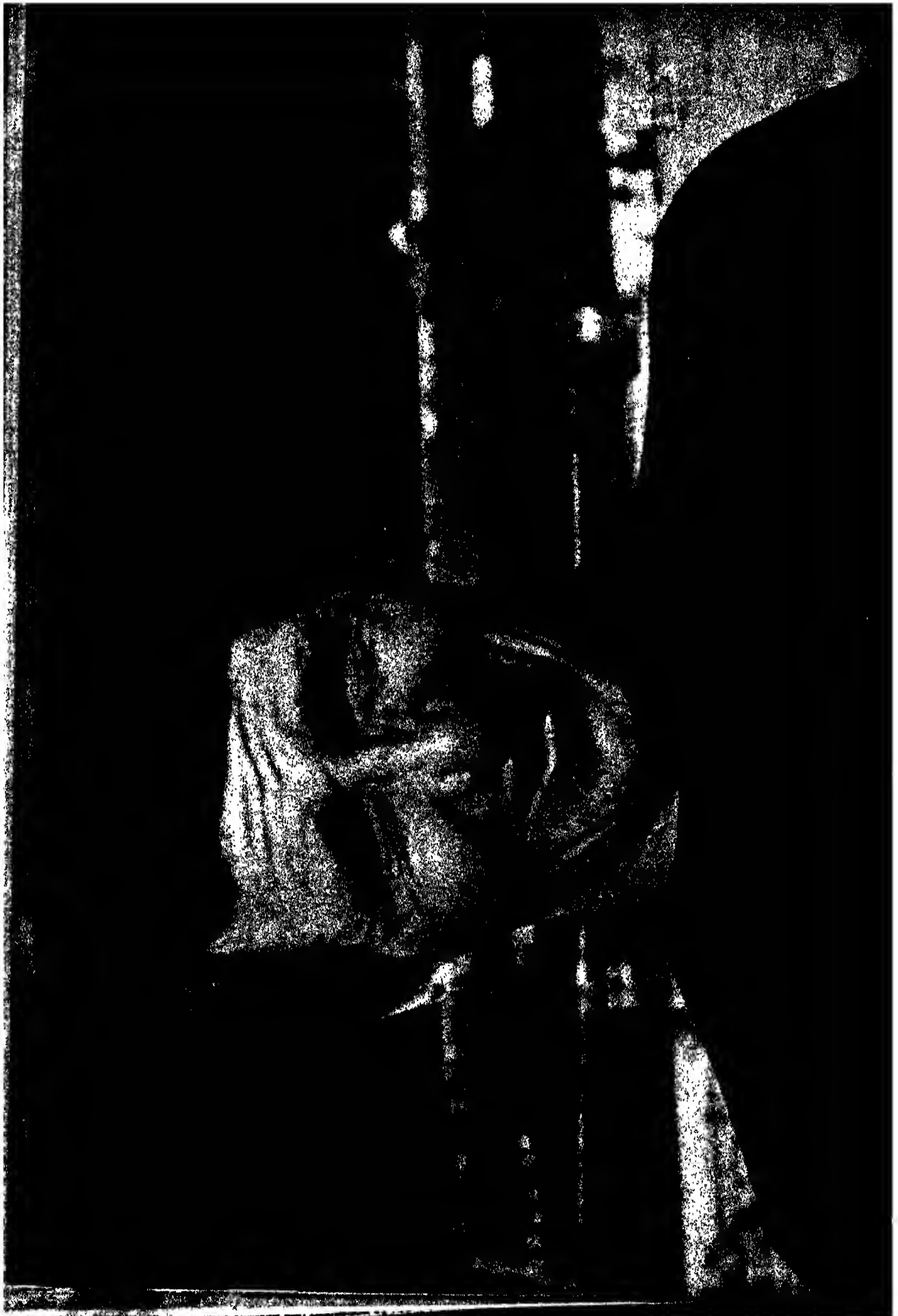
In the second innings Holkar's early batsmen failed against Amir Elahi, who took three out of the four wickets that fell for 64 runs. Sarwate (66) and Bhaya (64) then added 108 runs after which the innings ended quickly for 272 runs. Amir Elahi finished with four for 66. Set to make 255 for a win in 325 minutes Baroda won by four wickets and with five minutes to spare thanks to a masterly knock by Vijay Hazare of 101 runs. His 133-run sixth wicket stand with Adhikari (42 not out) proved crucial. C.S., who at one time threatened to win the match with his bowling got four for 90, for match figures of nine for 272.

About his second century, Hazare states "I regard this as one of my most valuable knocks. It was made in an attempt to secure a victory and not for the pleasure of an unusual feat. I fell for 101 when we were within an ace of the coveted win." Hazare's form in the final proved the climax of a great, grand season for him.



# SPORTSWEEK





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**Derek Randall...  
on a comeback  
trail**





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Queen's Park Rangers live to fight another day. Terry Clements (next to falling goalkeeper Ray Clemence) nets the equaliser to level with Tottenham Hotspur at 1-1 in the FA Cup final at Wembley Stadium, London. Spurs' hat-trick won the replay and final by a solitary goal.

# The Testing Years

—By B.B. Mama—

**T**HE year 1971 marked the beginning of the third and still continuing phase in our cricket annals when India emerged as a major cricketing nation. It began when Ajit Wadekar led an Indian side to the Caribbean on a highly successful tour from February to April 1971.

India recovered from a perilous 75 for 5 in the drawn first Test at Kingston through Sardesai's staunch double-hundred to inflict the indignity of a follow-on for the first time against the formidable Windies.

Then came Sunil Gavaskar's debut in the second Test of Port-of-Spain, where India recorded a memorable victory—the first-ever against West Indies—at the 25th attempt, and that too on Caribbean soil. A historic moment.

Fighting draws in the remaining three Tests ensured that India was able to clinch a momentous series 1-0. Gavaskar made history with a spate of records.

- His aggregate of 774 runs (average 154.80) in only 4 Tests is a world record for the most runs compiled by a Test debutant from any country.
- Only opening batsman in Test annals to exceed 750 in a rubber.
- The only Indian to surpass 700 in a Test series.
- First Indian to score a century and a double-hundred in a Test. Three centuries in successive innings. Four centuries and three fifties in eight innings.

## Greater glory

Greater glory for India was yet to come on the 1971 tour of England which followed. After the first two Tests at Lord's and Old Trafford were drawn, India triumphed in the final at the Oval through a fantastic bowling feat by Chandrasekhar (6 for 38 in 18.1 overs) and thus clinched this series too. India came home to a red-carpet heroes' welcome.

In the winter of 1972-73, England paid a return visit to India under the captaincy of Tony Lewis. India won this series also by the margin of 2-1 with 2 drawn. Chandrasekhar established a record by claiming 35 wickets (average 18.91) in the rubber—to this day, the highest wicket-aggregate by any Indian in a Test series.

From the heights to the depths is Test cricket's inexorable law. Another tour of

England followed in 1974—and it was a total disaster for India. All three Tests were lost, the worst defeat being at Lord's when India were dismissed for an all-time low of 42.

In 1974-75, Clive Lloyd brought a revitalised West Indies team to India. There was excitement and action all the way through this fascinating series where fortunes swayed from one side to the other in absorbing fashion.



Sunil Gavaskar...made history with a spate of records in his first-ever Test series

West Indies won the first Test at Bangalore, highlighted by Gordon Greenidge's striking Test debut 93 and 107, as well as a tremendous 163 by Clive Lloyd off only 149 balls with 22 fours and 2 sixes—almost frightening to watch in its stunning power!

The Windies also claimed the next Test at Delhi, with an unbeaten 192 by Vivian Richards, studded with 6 sixes and 20 fours.

India then came storming back into the reckoning by winning the next two Tests at Calcutta and Madras to level the series and set the scene for the decider in the first-ever Test to be played at the newly-built Wankhede Stadium.

It was a real baptism by fire (quite literally so!) for the new venue, as angry crowds went on a rampage when the police manhandled an enthusiastic fan who ran out to congratulate Clive Lloyd on a superb double century.

West Indies eventually won the Test quite deservedly to claim a close-fought rubber 3-2. For the first and only time in 24 series to date against all countries on India soil over the past 50 years, every

Test in this 1974-75 rubber fetched a decisive result and there were no draws.

In 1976, India embarked on a dual tour of New Zealand and West Indies under the captaincy of Bishan Singh Bedi. India won the first Test at Auckland when Gavaskar deputised for the unfit Bedi, scoring a century. So too did Surinder Amarnath on his Test debut. Prasanna's match-winning 8 for 76 in the second innings and match-aggregate of 11 for 140 are both India's best in 10 Tests on New Zealand soil.

After the drawn Christchurch Test, New Zealand squared the series in the final Test at Wellington when Richard Hadlee carried the Kiwis to a comprehensive win. His 7 for 23 in the second innings and match-aggregate of 11 for 58 represent New Zealand's best against India in 25 Tests to date.

## Surrendered

When India abjectly surrendered to West Indies within three days to lose the first Test at Bridgetown by an innings, it seemed that they were in for a pasting. Little did anyone realise that India was approaching the finest hour of their cricketing fortunes.

West Indies were lucky to escape with a scrambled draw in the second Test at Port of Spain, which was to be the venue also for the historic third Test, which India won in rousing fashion to set up a world record.

After Vivian Richards hit a powerful 177, Michael Holding took 6 for 65 to give West Indies a first innings lead of 131 runs. Clive Lloyd then made an astonishing declaration about an hour after lunch on the fourth day, leaving India 535 minutes to get 403 to win.

The challenge was accepted, and with centuries by Gavaskar and Viswanath and sturdy support from Mohinder Amarnath and Brijesh Patel, India won with seven mandatory overs left. The final total of 406 for 4 is the highest ever in the fourth innings to win a match in all Test annals.

The series ended on a sour note in the fourth and final Test at Kingston when Bedi virtually conceded the match and the rubber as a protest against the intimidatory tactics of the Windies' fast bowlers.

Up to this stage, India had played 144 Tests, winning 23, losing 59 and drawing 62. India was now poised for the final assault on the towering pinnacle.

To be concluded

# World Cup Soccer...the teams

## Hungary

**Population:** 10 million  
**Capital:** Budapest.  
**Currency:** 100 filler 1 Florint  
**Manager:** Kalman Meszoly  
**Players to watch:** Nyilasi, Torocsik, Fazekas  
**How they qualified:** Won Group 4 in European competition. Won 4 and drew 2 of their 8 games  
**Previous appearance in finals:** Runners-up in 1938, 1954. Other finals in 1934, 1958, 1962, 1966, 1978  
**Team colours:** Red and green  
**Alternative colours:** All white

## Austria

**Population:** 7.5 million  
**Capital:** Vienna  
**Currency:** 100 groschen 1 Schilling  
**Manager:** Karl Stotz  
**Players to watch:** Koncilia, Hans Krankl who scored 4 goals in 1978 finals  
**How they qualified:** Runners up to West Germany in Group 1 in Europe, won 5 games and drew 1  
**Previous appearances in finals:** Third place in 1954, fourth place in 1934. Other finals in 1938, 1978  
**Team colours:** Red, white and black  
**Alternative colours:** White shirts, black shorts, black socks

## England

**Population:** 56 million  
**Capital:** London—9th largest city in the world  
**Currency:** 100 pennies = 1 pound sterling  
**Manager:** Ron Greenwood  
**Players to watch:** Kevin Keegan, Trevor Francis, goalkeepers—Shilton



The fourteen centres for World Cup games

and Clemence (The England squad has an average age of 30 and is an experienced side)

**How they qualified:** Runners-up to Hungary in European Group 4

**Previous appearances in finals:** World champions and hosts 1966. Other finals in 1950, 1954, 1958, 1962, 1970

**Registered number of footballers in the country:** 505,000

**Team colour:** Blue and white  
**Alternative colours:** Red shirts, white shorts, red socks

## Spain

**Population:** 36 million  
**Capital:** Madrid  
**Currency:** 100 centimos = 1 Peseta  
**Manager:** Jose Santamaria  
**Players to watch:** Zamora, Juanito, goalkeepers—Arconada. (The Spanish

squad has an average age of 25. This is 4 years younger than the squad that played in Argentina in 1978)

**How they qualified:** As the host nation

**Previous appearances in finals:** Fourth place in 1950. Other finals in 1934, 1962, 1966, 1978

**Registered number of footballers in the country:** 202,574

**Team colour:** Red, blue and black  
**Alternative colours:** Blue shirts, blue shorts, black socks

## Poland

**Population:** 34 million  
**Capital:** Warsaw  
**Currency:** 100 groszy 1 Zloty  
**Manager:** Antoni Piechniczak  
**Players to watch:** Lato, Szarmach  
**How they qualified:** Won European Group 7 defeating East Germany and Malta, winning all 4 games and scoring 12 goals

**Previous appearances in finals:** Third place in 1974. Other finals in 1938, 1978

**Team colours:** Red and white  
**Alternative colours:** Red shirts, white shorts, red socks

## Czechoslovakia

**Population:** 15 million  
**Capital:** Prague  
**Currency:** 100 haleru = 1 Koruna  
**Manager:** Josef Venglos  
**Player to watch:** Masny  
**How they qualified:** Runners-up to USSR in qualifying competition. Won 4 out of 8 games and beat Wales only on goal difference

**Previous appearances in finals:** Runners-up in 1934, 1962. Other finals in 1938, 1954, 1958, 1970. European Champions 1976

**Olympic champions:** 1980  
**Team colours:** Red and blue  
**Alternative colours:** White shirts, white shorts, red socks



The Riazor Stadium in La Coruna, Spain, which will be used for Group One matches between Poland, Peru and the Camerouns

## Northern Ireland

**Population:** 1.5 million

**Capital:** Belfast

**Currency:** 100 pennies = 1 pound Sterling

**Manager:** Billy Bingham

**Players to watch:** Pat Jennings, Martin O'Neill

**How they qualified:** Runners-up to Scotland in European Group 6, winning 3 and drawing 3 of their 8 games.

**Previous appearances in finals:** 1958.

**Team colours:** Green and white.

**Alternative colours:** White shirts, green shorts, green socks

## Yugoslavia

**Population:** 21 million

**Capital:** Belgrade

**Currency:** 100 para = 1 Yugoslavian dinar

**Manager:** Miljan Miljanic

**Players to watch:** Surjak, Halibodzic

**How they qualified:** Won European Group 5, winning 6 games and drawing 1 of their 8 games

**Previous appearances in finals:** Joint third in 1930 Fourth in 1962 Other finals in 1950, 1954, 1958, 1974.

**Team colours:** Blue and red

**Alternative colours:** White shirts, white shorts, red socks

## Kuwait

**Population:** 1 million

**Currency:** 1000 fils = 1 Kuwaiti dinar

**Manager:** Carlos Alberto Parreira (Brazilian)

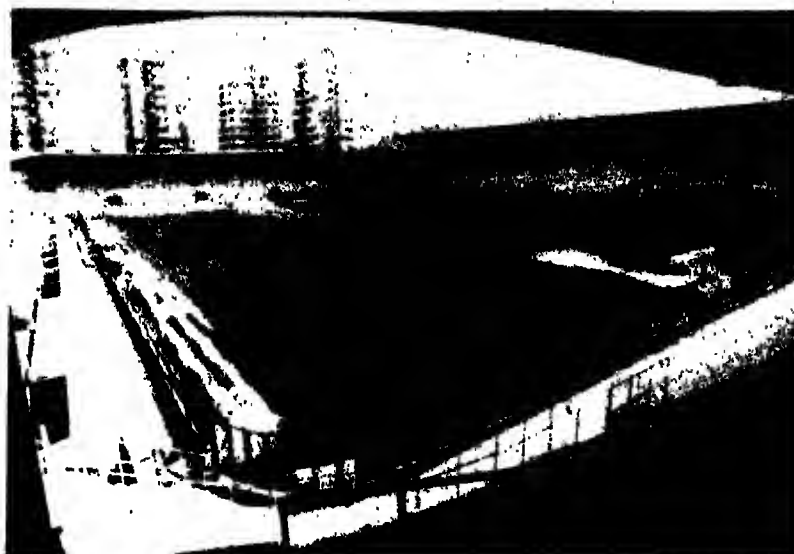
**Players to watch:** Faisal Al Dakheel, Ahmed Al Tarabulsi, Saad Al Houti

**How they qualified:** Won group-qualifying tournament in Kuwait and also the final group competition

**Previous appearances in finals:** None

**Team colours:** Blue and white

**Alternative colours:** Red shirts, white shorts, red socks



*The Carlos Tartiere Stadium in Oviedo, Spain, which will be used for Group Two matches between Algeria, Austria, and Chile*

## New Zealand

**Population:** 3 million.

**Capital:** Wellington

**Currency:** 100 cents N.Z. Dollar

**Manager:** John Adshead

**Player to watch:** Leading goalscorer

Wynton Rufer scored qualifying goal

**How they qualified:** Won preliminary, competition winning 6 games and drawing 2 out of 8 and scoring 31 goals Joint runners up with China in final group competition Won the play off

**Previous appearances in finals:** None

**Registered number of footballers in the country:** 41698

**Team colours:** White and black

**Alternative colours:** All white

## Algeria

**Population:** 19 million

**Capital:** Algiers

**Currency:** 100 centimes 1 Algerian dinar

**Manager:** Yevgeni Rogor

**Player to watch:** Kourichi

**How they qualified:** Won four rounds of 2 legs each in a knock out competition

**Previous appearances in finals:** None

**Team colours:** Green and red

**Alternative colours:** All white

## Cameroon

**Population:** 7 million

**Capital:** Yaounde

**Currency:** African financial community franc

**Manager:** Branko Zutic (Yugoslav)

**Player to watch:** Milla

**Previous appearances in finals:** None

**Team colours:** Green, red and yellow

**Alternative colours:** Yellow shirts green shorts, red socks

## Honduras

**Population:** 3 million

**Capital:** Tegucigalpa

**Currency:** 100 centavos 1 Lempira

**Manager:** Helato Herrera

**Player to watch:** Bailey

**Previous appearances in finals:** None

**Team colours:** Blue and white

**Alternative colours:** All white.

## El Salvador

**Population:** 4 million

**Capital:** San Salvador

**Currency:** 100 centavos 1 Salvadorian colon

**Manager:** Mauricio Rodriguez

**Player to watch:** Jorge Gonzales

**Previous appearances in finals:** None

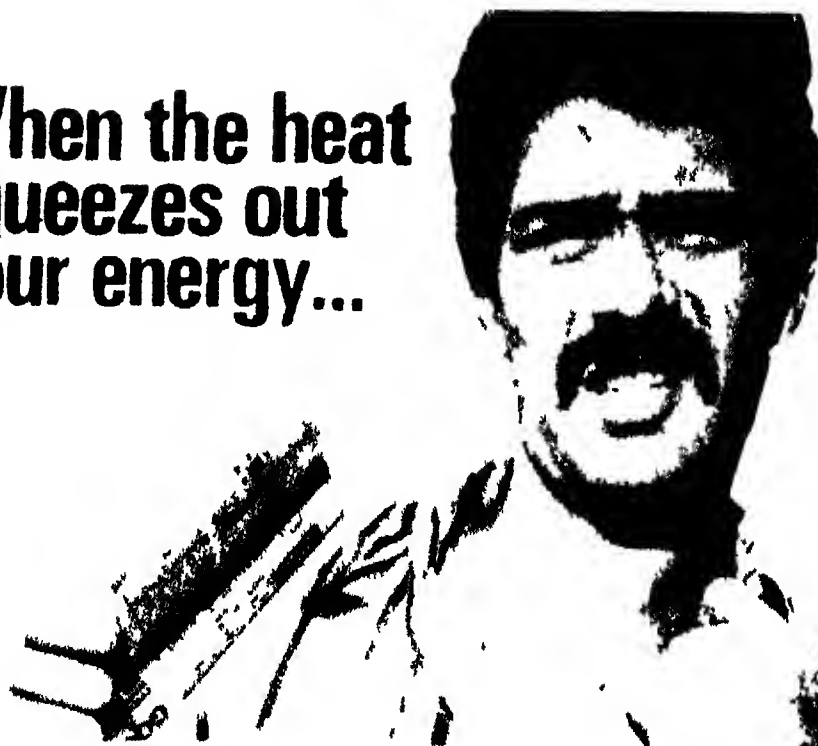
**Team colours:** Blue

**Alternative colours:** All white



*The Sarria Stadium in Barcelona, Spain, where Group Three matches between the Argentina and Belgium national teams will be played*

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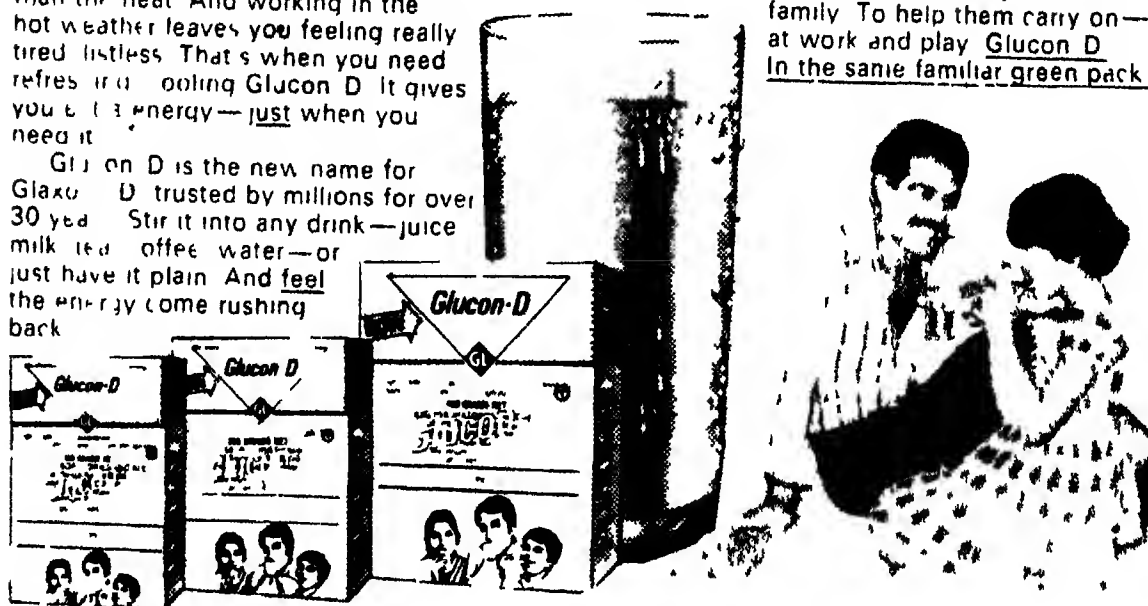
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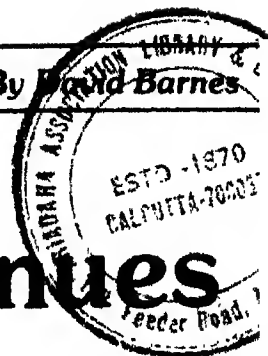


# The Game of the Century

By David Barnes

## Soccer Superstars

# The tale still continues



### West Germany's Karl-Heinz Rummenigge

**N**O player has known a season like the one Karl-Heinz Rummenigge experienced in 1980. His club, Bayern Munich, won the championship, and he was top League scorer.

His country, West Germany, won the European Championship title. And he found himself voted Best Player of the European Championship, the German journalists' Footballer of the Year, the German players' Footballer of the Year and the European Footballer of the Year. Not bad for a man who had cost his club a mere £4,500 transfer fee six years earlier.

'Rum's' beginnings in professional soccer were inauspicious, to say the least. He arrived at Bayern via regional League side Borussia Lippstadt with a reputation as a fast, direct winger who occasionally overdid the dribbling. The Bayern side was laden with stars who had just won the World Cup. Sepp Maier, Breitner, Franz Beckenbauer, Georg Schwarzenbeck, Uli Hoessner and Gerd Muller.

Rummenigge felt shy, out of place. He fumbled in training, his close control disappeared. Suddenly he was unable to beat even one defender. 'You should have come here,' forward Klaus Wunder told him. 'You should have taken up that offer from Hamburg.' But the senior players rallied round the embarrassed young man, goalkeeper Maier in particular going out of his way to make him welcome.

Rummenigge recovered his poise sufficiently to start the season in the first team, but he was then promptly dropped when Bayern brought in coach Dettmar Cramer after a series of shambling defeats.

Rummenigge was distraught, and then bitter when he was left out of the Champions' Cup Final against Leeds in Paris. But Cramer intended to groom his man carefully. He saw the potential, and wanted it harnessed correctly. Cramer began to call him back for special training.

He would set up a series of markers for Rummenigge to slalom round with the ball at speed; he would send over a stream of corners to improve Rum-



Karl-Heinz Rummenigge

to do more, he would send him to the gymnasium for weight training.

Eventually he brought him back into the first team, stronger, faster and sharper than before, he immediately made his mark. Soon 'Rum' was in the German B team and then, in October 1976, came his full international debut in the 2-0 victory over Wales in Cardiff.

At twenty-two Rummenigge went to Argentina with Germany's World Cup team; he scored two picture-book goals against Mexico and returned, after the shock second round defeat by Austria, as one of the few players who could hold up his head. 'The World Cup made me grow up,' he says. 'It also taught me I could score goals as an attacking winger.'

It was a lesson well learnt. In 1981 Rummenigge was again the League's top scorer and Bayern were once again League champions. But by now the boy

### West Germany's Bernd Schuster

**C**OMPLETING a trio of West German superstars is Bernd Schuster, the man who did most to make his country European champions.

The young, blond 21-year-old, a player of immense skill and presence who can function equally effectively in midfield or as a libero, exploded dramatically on to the international scene during the 1980 European Championship. But in a fierce row with Germany's national team boss Jupp Derwall at the end of the 1980/81 season, Schuster said he would not play for his country again because he felt Breitner and Rummenigge were wielding too much influence on the team's playing style.

'I won't be their lap dog,' said a disgruntled Schuster, 'even if it means missing the World Cup.'

His absence would be a body blow to the Germans, who have found in the 21-year-old utility man a true successor to 'Kaiser' Franz Beckenbauer.

The bust-up with Derwall came at the end of a year that had been good for Schuster in only one area—hard cash. First he insisted on leaving Cologne where he had made his name and seemed on the verge of joining New York Cosmos.

But that deal collapsed and Schuster moved instead to Barcelona for a fee of £850,000 and a yearly salary of £230,000. Immediately there came reports of arguments with team mates and even punch-ups. On the field he was booked with boring regularity—ten times in half a season—and there were more upsets in his private life.

A Spanish magazine published nude photographs of his beautiful wife, Gaby, taken when she was a model in Germany, and a kidnapping scare persuaded him to move from his secluded villa to a noisy town apartment.

It was all a far cry from the time in 1977 when, as a modest young man, he had joined Cologne, then under Hennes Weisweiler, from part timers Augsburg with the limited ambition of 'getting on to the first team substitutes' bench.'

In fact, his impact at Cologne was so immediate that, by the end of the

3-1 win over the Republic of Ireland in Dublin.

With his new found fame came riches. He traded his Sirocco for a Porsche 911 and his digs for an elegant house, and when Gaby produced a baby son Benjamin, Schuster announced he had everything he wanted in the world. And so it seemed during the European Championship in Italy as his talent blossomed. He had a hand in all three goals in the vital 3-2 victory over Holland.

In the final against Belgium playing on the left side of midfield his fierce shooting and tactical awareness were a key factor in Germany's 2-1 triumph. The Dutch underestimated me, says Schuster with satisfaction. Willy Van der Kerkhof thought I was the baby of the team and he needn't worry about me. Only in the second half when Germany led 3-0 did he come over and fight for the ball on my flank.

Schuster's combative qualities owe quite a bit to the influence of England's Tony Woodcock, sold by Nottingham Forest to Cologne. Whenever Tony lost the ball there was never any doubt that he wanted it back, he says. He made us all push ourselves harder during a game.

If Schuster were to leave Barcelona the most likely side to move for him would be Bayern Munich. Schuster was born in Bavaria and loves the club.

## England's Kevin Keegan

THE German Bundesliga is perhaps the world's toughest championship in terms of skill and competitiveness. Englishman Kevin Keegan climbed to its peak with Hamburg, England's first soccer millionaire. Keegan is living proof that guts and determination can carry you to the top. A coalminer's son who was once not thought good enough even for the works team, he has gone to captain his country, been named European Player of the Year twice and become one of the hottest properties in world sport.

After winning almost every honour available to him at Liverpool, Keegan controversially moved to Hamburg for three years where it was estimated he earned more than £500,000 a year. At the beginning of the 1980—1 season he returned to England on a two-year contract with Southampton which he has since extended to June 1983.

In his first season with Southampton although dogged by repeated injuries, Keegan, the darling of advertisers, continued his one-man commercial crusade. But if his bank balance is swelling, his head is not. Keegan remains proud of his beginnings in the

Yorkshire mining community of Amthorpe where his father Joe worked at the coal face and where his grandfather Frank was a hero of the 1909 West Stanley pit disaster which claimed the lives of 168 men and boys.

It was for the nearby Paglers Brass Works side that Keegan played his first serious soccer—in the reserves. He was then given a more substantial role when Scunthorpe United signed him as an apprentice at the princely wage of £7 a week. They weren't particularly keen about me, he says. They just thought I might be useful around the place.

From the start Keegan was an irrepressible bundle of energy, small but muscular, very fast and intelligent, a quicksilver darter who sped in from his position on the right of midfield to score stabbing goals. His name was soon linked with a host of clubs, but it was manager Bill Shankly making the most perceptive buy of his life who took him to Liverpool for £33,000.

Keegan remembers this day as if it were yesterday. Shankly offered him a basic salary of £45 a week. He held out politely for £50 and the manager agreed. If you do it for me, son, he told him, you'll never have to ask for a rise again. Nor did he. Says Keegan: At the start of the next season I popped my head round his door and he told me: I'm doubling your wages. The same



thing happened over and over again. He kept doubling my pay.'

It was the start of six sensational years in which Liverpool and Keegan took the English League by storm. 'Kevin Keegan walks on water' sang the famous Kop crowd, and there were times that he felt he could as Liverpool carried off the League Championship and the U.E.F.A. Cup in 1972-3.

What most endeared him to his public was his willingness to run himself to a standstill twice a week in every match he played.

It was an attitude which served him well when he made his first appearance for England in 1973. He was, frankly, unimpressive. But he was industrious and utterly honest, and by the time Don Revie had taken over the team Keegan was a fixture, one of the few truly world-class players he could call on.

His reintroduction to the England side had come courtesy of caretaker manager Joe Mercer during the European tour of 1974. But with the pleasure of the recall came his most frightening experience: a beating up by airport police in Belgrade.

Alec Lindsay, Keegan's Liverpool team-mate, had been fooling around on the luggage conveyor belt and Keegan was laughing in appreciation when he was suddenly grabbed from behind and bundled into an office by the Yugoslav police. He remembers: 'I was forced to kneel like a prisoner of war while I was punched, clubbed and kicked. My green trousers were covered in blood. I am not easily scared but I was shaking in that room.'

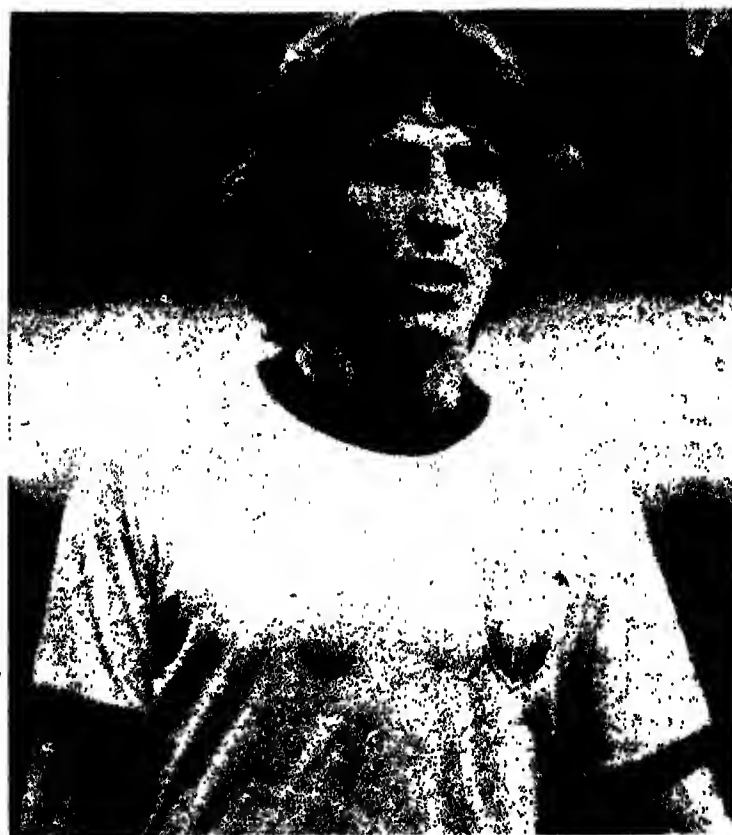
It took an hour of tough negotiation by F.A. officials to secure Keegan's release. The next day he scored the equalizer in England's 2-2 draw with Yugoslavia and vowed never to return.

After winning an F.A. Cup medal, more League titles, a second U.E.F.A. Cup, and a European Cup with Liverpool, he made his home in West Germany for three years after a £500,000 transfer to Hamburg. There his game improved still further as he helped them to the League Championship and the 1980 European Champions' Cup final against Nottingham Forest.

## Brazil's Zico

If Keegan's detractors accuse him of lacking artistry, no one in their right mind would say the same about Zico of Brazil. Yet Zico, born Artur Antunes Coimbra, the youngest of five gifted football-playing brothers, has a reputation to live down, and that is that he is a man for every occasion except the biggest.

The 28-year-old Brazilian, inevitably compared to Pele yet in reality more like Toatao, has twice crumpled when the pressure has been greatest: once during the 1976 Bicentennial Tournament in the United States, which was his first major international contact with



*Zico, born Artur Antunes Coimbra...he is Brazil's man for all occasions*

Europe, and again in the Argentina World Cup two years later. Then Brazil were among the favourites and Zico was confidently expected to provide the firepower. But before the first round was over he had been dropped.

These are astonishing lapses in the career of a man who, with a salary of £4,000 a week, is by far the best paid player in Brazil. Even the Saudi Arabians couldn't offer a deal tempting enough when they tried to buy him in 1978. Zico himself blames the first lapse on inexperience, the second on coach Claudio Coutinho who attempted to harness European aggression to Brazil's characteristic flair. 'The wrong style for us,' says Zico.

Certainly no one can quarrel with Zico's pedigree as a goal-scorer. In his first twenty games with the Flamengo Youth team in Rio, he hit twenty-seven goals. Elevated to the senior team he notched a double hat-trick in a League match, an achievement the celebrated Maracana Stadium had never seen before, not even from Pele or Toatao.

Like Toatao Zico is relatively small and, again like Toatao, he plays particularly well with his back to the goal. He has a devastating turn of foot, derived from indoor five-a-side soccer, lightning reactions, and a lethal repertoire of swerving, curling free kicks.

In his international debut, against Uruguay in 1976, Zico produced one of his now famous set-piece specialities to force a 2-1 victory. 'I'm always confident I can score from free kicks,' he says. 'I know I can hit the ball well. I never study

the wall or the goalkeeper. I just concentrate on the place where the ball will enter the net.'

It is the power of his shot that has surprised so many goalkeepers as he has consistently topped the scoring charts for Flamengo. At five feet eight inches and ten stone, Zico is deceptively strong, thanks to the hard work of the club doctor.

With Italian and Portuguese blood in his family, Zico is seriously considering a move to Europe. Milan, particularly, are interested in signing him after the way he played against them in a friendly at Maracana in 1977. Gianni Rivera, now the power behind the Milan throne, was in the team that was beaten 3-0 that day and he says: 'I've never seen a player with such incredible reflexes.'

He scored their second—a goal to which he had absolutely no right. Albertosi, our goalkeeper, had blocked a shot when Zico burst from nowhere to push the ball in.

Milan officials continued to watch the situation in 1980, when Zico's twenty-one goals again took Flamengo to the Rio League title. But, after a national outcry, several major business concerns in Brazil clubbed together to pour cash into a sponsorship deal worth £400,000 a year to their hero to persuade him to stay.

Zico's response was to inspire Flamengo to become South American champions and, in December, 1981, World Cup champions by beating Liverpool 3-0 in Tokyo. Zico creating every goal.

# World Cup Soccer Special

## The Ninth World Cup

FIFA membership: 138, World Cup entrants: 72, Grounds used: Puebla, Toluca, Guadalajara, Leon and Mexico City, Leading scorer: Gerd Muller (West Germany) 10, Total attendance: 16,739,756, Attendance in the final 1,12,000.

1970

**A**RGININA and Mexico wanted to host the 1970 World Cup but the FIFA officials who were discussing the venue in Tokyo in 1964, could not surely oblige both of them. So it went into voting and Mexico won 56-32.

Altogether 72 nations had sent their entries.

England played far better football against Brazil and came perilously close to scoring on more than one occasion but Brazil certainly a better side, ultimately ran out winners one nil.

Czechoslovakia had an early lead over Brazil but Rivelino equalised with a searing free kick.

Their quarter-final place already

assured, Brazil took it easy against Rumania but still Pele (2) and Jairzinho, scored to bring a 3-2 victory.

Peru being two goals down won the match against Bulgaria 3-2.

Morocco gave a good show against Peru and held them goalless upto the 66th minute but Peru, making a late bid once more, got three quick goals, with Cubillas scoring two and Roberto Challe one.

West Germany were in their element against both Rumania and Peru, thrashing them 5-2 and 3-1 respectively and made their triumphant entry into the quarter-finals.

Uruguay brought in Victor Esparrago in the 14th minute in their quarter-finals against Russia and three minutes before the end he got the all-important goal.

England began splendidly against West Germany and went up in the 30th minute via Alan Mullery. Martin Peters made it 2-0.

Shortly after Franz Beckenbauer got a goal for the Germans and England were finished as Gerd Muller got the winner in extra-time.

In the West Germany's semifinal against Italy the latter went into the lead in the 8th minute through Roberto Boninsegna. Karl-Heinz Schnellinger

banged home the equaliser and the game went into extra-time.

Immediately after Gerd Muller put West Germany up 2-1 Italy's Tarcisio Burgnich and Luigi Riva hit two quick goals but Seeler again got the equaliser for West Germany.

Then nine minutes from time Boninsegna scored the winner.

In the semifinal against Brazil, Uruguay scored first but Clodoaldo equalised for Brazil. In the second half there was only one team on the ground and it was Brazil and with Pele and Tostao in brilliant form, Uruguay could rarely take the ball beyond their own half. Jairzinho hit goal number two and Rivelino the last one with Tostao paving the way for both.

The Aztec stadium was again packed to capacity for the final between Brazil and Italy on 21st June. Brazil got the lead in the 18th minute when Pele leapt high to head powerfully between Albertosi and the near post off Rivelino. But a silly back-heel from Clodoaldo gave Roberto Boninsegna to beat goalkeeper Felix and at half time it was 1-1.

In the second half Gerson crashed home a fine left-footer to restore the lead in the 65th minute and five minutes later he took a freekick which Pele



Italian joy, German despair... Italy's Boninsegna (20) leaps high in exultation as he nets the winner in the extra-time in the semifinals of the '70 World Cup.

cleverly touched for Jairzinho to rush in from right and score.

With three minutes to go Alberto, the full-back's crash drive landed into the far corner of the net, to give them a 4-1 victory.

## The Tenth World Cup

FIFA membership: 140, World Cup entrants: 89, Grounds used: Dusseldorf, Stuttgart, West Berlin, Gelsenkirchen, Dortmund, Frankfurt, Hannover, Hamburg and Munich, Leading scorer: Grzegorz Lato (Poland) 7, Total attendance: 17,74,022, Attendance in the final: 77,833.

1974

**B**RAZIL who took away the Jules Rimet Cup for ever offered to donate a new trophy but F.I.F.A. politely refused and from the entries of some 53 craftsmen, commissioned Silvio Gazzaniga of Italy to design a new Cup. It would be known as FIFA World Cup.

In all, eight teams went into second round where they were divided into two groups. Holland, East Germany, Brazil and Argentina were in Group A and West Germany, Poland, Sweden and Yugoslavia were in Group B.

Brazil had earlier beaten East Germany 1-0 and Argentina 2-1 and were placed second in the Group. Argentina and East Germany then drew 1-1 and finished with a point each from three games.

Sweden put a stiff fight against Poland and it was only through a snap goal from Lato that the Poles won the match. In the second game of Paul Breitner again gave West Germany the lead with one of his long shots and then Gerd Muller scored off a Uli Hoernes' cross for a comfortable victory over Yugoslavia.

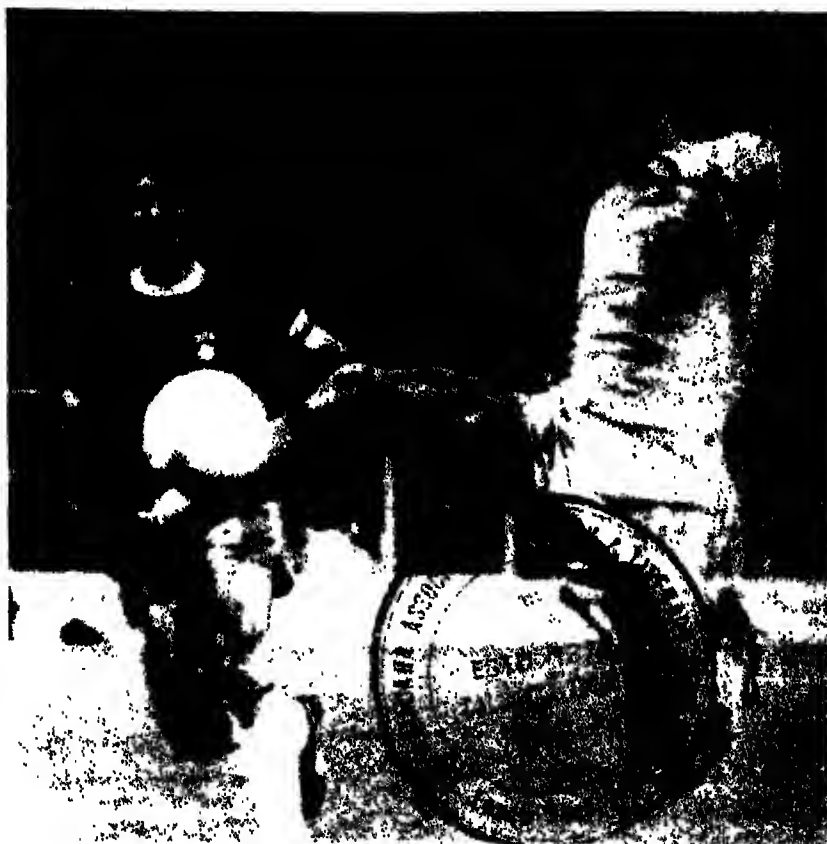
The Slavs were then beaten 2-1 by Poland in Frankfurt and at Dusseldorf West Germany came from behind to beat Sweden 4-2.

The Olympic Stadium in Munich held nearly 78,000 on 7th July, when West Germany and Holland met in what was the fifth all-European World Cup final.

Holland kicked off and were awarded a spot-kick. Sepp Maier moved to his right as Neeskens' shot went to his left and within a minute of the start and before the West Germans had even touched the ball, Holland were one up.

West Germany needed a tonic and it came in the 25th minute in the form of a penalty when Bernd Holzenbein was brought down. Jansen, Paul Breitner converted in a masterly fashion and Holland were suddenly at the receiving end.

Relieved, West Germany struck back in the 43rd minute. Grabowski crossed to Muller. The striker looked



*Johan Cruyff scores a splendid goal for Holland against Brazil, in the '74 World Cup quarter-finals*

calm and cool before hooking the ball past Jongbloed in his second attempt.

Holland were indeed the better team but as ill luck would have it they could not put their superiority into goals. On the other hand, the Germans, after being at the receiving end initially, played within their limitations and of course with clinical efficiency.

Helmut Schoen was a proud man when Walter Scheel, the West German Chancellor, presented the Cup to Beckenbauer and there were tears in the eyes of the Chancellor himself.

timid affair and Italy appeared to be somewhat unlucky in dropping a point.

Holland meanwhile showed devastating form against Austria and won 5-1. Their next match was against West Germany and it was one of the finest games in the tournament. Twice the Germans went ahead and twice the Dutch neutralised and the 2-2 draw was the true indication of the proceedings.

The Germans then went down 3-2 to Austria who themselves were beaten 1-0 by Italy and the meeting between Italy and Holland would decide who should go to the final.

The match was a brutal affair and it saw Erny Brandts in an effort to stop Bettiga, put the ball into his own net to give Italy the lead in the 18th minute.

But it was Brandts who scored the equaliser with a free kick five minutes into the second-half and the winning goal was Arie Haan's whose scorching drive was reached and touched but could not be stopped by Dino Zoff.

Holland into the final for the second time in succession.

Mario Alberto Kempes finally broke his duck and scored both the goals against Poland for Argentina.

The Poles then beat Peru 1-0 - it could have been 10-0, so one-sided was the match - and Argentina and Brazil figured in a goalless draw at Rosario.

Brazil met Poland and won by 3-1. But the ecstasy of the Brazilians did not last long as a few hours later came the news

## The Eleventh World Cup

FIFA membership: 145, World Cup entrants: 102, Grounds used: Buenos Aires, Rosario, Cordoba, Mendoza and Mar del Plata, Leading scorer: Mario Alberto Kempes (Argentina) 6, Total attendance: 16,10,215, Attendance in the final: 80,000.

1978

**A**FTER many unsuccessful attempts, Argentina finally got the responsibility to stage the World Cup in 1978.

In the quarter-finals, West Germany, Italy, Holland and Austria were placed in Group A while Argentina, Brazil, Poland and Peru constituted Group B.

The West Germany-Italy tie was a



## World Cup Soccer

of Argentina's 6-0 victory over Peru and this meant the Argentinians were through to the final on a better goal difference.

The 80,000 crowd at the River-Plate Stadium on June 25 greeted the Argentine team with huge banners and ticker tapes as they took the field against Holland.

The match itself did not look like a World Cup final and it was not half as exciting as the one in 1974. But it had its moment as well as its personalities and Mario Alberto Kempes was surely the cynosure of all eyes. It was he who scored in the 38th minute.

Sustained pressure in the second half brought Holland the equaliser via Jan Poortvliet.

In the extra time, Holland looked the better side and Fillol saved a tremendous drive from Arie Haan but it was Argentina who scored in the 104th minute.

After the match the Argentinians went wild, invaded the pitch and lifted the players' shoulders high. Outside the whole Argentina celebrated the victory throughout the night.

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*Peru's Teofil Cubillas negotiating the ball in their match against Poland in the '78 World Cup league match*



*Mario Kempes leaps between the Dutch defenders to score in Argentina's match against Holland in the '78 final*

# Wimbledon's own darling is back...

— Evonne Cawley chats with Gill Martin —

**T**ENNIS golden girl Evonne Cawley flew into London, crossed the Ts and dotted the Is on a six figure sportswear contract, nursed a tender foot—and prayed that her baby wouldn't learn to walk while they're apart.

Thirty year old Evonne, the darling of Wimbledon, is determined to overcome injury to make a comeback for the coveted women's singles crown. If she succeeds, she'll be the first mother of two to achieve a hat trick of championships.

She first won in 1971 as Miss

Goolagong, gave birth to daughter Kelly in 1977, suffered an achilles heel problem in 1978 (it was just like another pregnancy—it lasted for nine months), won again in 1980 and had son Morgan last year.

So it's my third comeback, said the irrepressible Evonne. Despite my foot, Wimbledon is still very much on my back after having your second child, you have to work twice as hard.

But I may have overdone it at a tournament in Florida. I was on court for three hours and 10 minutes against

Chris Evert, had a shower and went back immediately for a two-hour doubles match.

It was probably too much too soon. Now I must rest up for a couple of weeks and have ultra sound heat treatment.

Evonne has worked hard to recover her speed, agility and fitness after Morgan's birth.

I was jogging four weeks after he was born. I felt terrific. I'd had such an awful pregnancy—felt sick nearly all the way through, was big and awkward, always sleepy and tired.

You're not supposed to exercise for six weeks after a Caesarian operation (both her babies were born this way), but I was going absolutely crazy. I wanted to get out there and run and sweat.

I convinced my doctor that I should jog as I was already running up and down stairs. After that, nothing could stop me.

Evonne looking a little back to her target weight of 9st 21lb. The blisters from the Florida marathon have healed, but the injury to the sole of her right foot forced her to withdraw from tournaments in Italy and Switzerland.

## Relaxed

She appears relaxed, flashing smiles as bright as the diamonds of the engagement and Valentine's Day rings from her English husband and manager Roger Cawley.

In a tennis world of tensions and temper tantrums, twanging with nerves as taut as racquet strings, Evonne stands apart.

She tries to ignore the salacious gossip about lesbianism on the tennis circuit.

People want to know the juiciest scandals about the players.

They are destined to be disappointed when it comes to Evonne. On court she is a great competitor, win or lose. Off court she basks in the security of family life.

I love tennis, of course, but the children come first.

I feel I've always had the kids. I don't



The great wall of tennis: Evonne Cawley's

# 'Awful conditions' for Wimbledon qualifiers

**W**IMBLEDON we know all about. At least, what it is, and where it is, and how Bjorn Borg will not be playing there this month.

But an essential part of Wimbledon is not played at Wimbledon at all. No mystery about this, really. The fact is, the qualifying rounds for The Lawn Tennis Championships are not played on the hallowed grass-courts of The All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club. They are held at a place some two and a quarter miles to the north-west—about 10 miles from London, South-West—on the lawns of the Bank of England Sports Club in Roehampton.

The "qualifying" is important, all right. Technically, the 128-player men's draw at Wimbledon is not complete without the inclusion of 16 "qualifiers". Twenty and twenty-eight players enter the fray at Roehampton, and the ones winning three rounds take the places assigned them (Qualifier 13 to meet J.P. McEnroe, Qualifier 6 to meet Qualifier 15, as the case may be) in the main draw, which is made before the qualifying rounds end.

A few others, beaten in the third round of the qualifying, may get in as "lucky losers"—replacing players in the main draw who have, due to injury or illness, withdrawn at the eleventh hour. The final draw for 17 or 18 men to play at Wimbledon from the qualifying rounds.

Qualifying rounds for this year's Lawn Tennis Championships will be held at Roehampton between June 10 and 18. Last year, India's Sashi Reddy was among those who qualified from the Roehampton tournament. It may be of even greater importance from the Indian point of view, as Reddy has a draw—despite being a quarter-finalist at Wimbledon last year—too would have to qualify if he wants to play in the championships.

At the recent Volvo Grand Prix in Chennai, the 27-year-old Amritraj is the first Indian to get direct entry into Wimbledon. He and Borg were the only two players in the ATP's top 200 who did not commit themselves, as the Professional Tennis Association requires, to playing ten GP events apart from the Wimbledon tournament.

Amritraj's experience playing at Wimbledon, Menon told me when he was in Calcutta last month. Apart from the fact that the competition is really tough, the conditions at Roehampton are "not good", he added—and all the players there agree.

the nearest station by tube or train, and then a fair distance by bus. The courts offer plenty of bad bounces, it is frequently very windy—"the place is in the middle of nowhere!" (said Menon)—and many other things, amenities included, are far from satisfactory.

## New courts for South Club

**M**ENON had come to Calcutta for the start of the Charminar exhibition series, which preceded the Nirlon tournament played in Bombay on May 21. There were, in fact, quite a few events on the Calcutta tennis scene last month which merit attention.

Just a couple of days before the exhibition matches at the Saturday Club, the Calcutta South Club's two new hard courts were inaugurated. The need to replace some of the club's grass-courts, costly to maintain and in

use for only about half the year, with all-weather surfaces had long been felt, and it was announced at the South Club's Diamond Jubilee function in March last year that a couple of hard-courts would soon increase the number of such courts to eight.

Installed at a total cost of Rs. 1,20,000—partly from the club's own funds and partly with the sponsorship of the Karm Chandra Thapar organisation—the courts are expected to be especially useful for the new coaching scheme for juniors the club has undertaken, replacing the B.L.T.A. programme.

The floodlit exhibition at the Saturday Club was watched only by about 300 people, but in all the series, sponsored by the Vazir Sultan Tobacco company, should have done some good for tennis in centres totally bereft of star participation. From Calcutta the players went on to Jamshedpur, and thence to Vizianagaram, Guntur, Hyderabad, Nizamabad, Bangalore, Cochin and Trichur. According to Jaidip Mukerjee, who contacted the players on behalf of the organisers, the series drew good crowds at the South venues, particularly in Bangalore.

The two Americans, bespectacled Tom Leonard, from Hollywood, and the Texan, Mike Estep, are no longer regulars on the world circuit, though both had achievements of note at some time. Leonard had made the last 16 at Wimbledon in 1978, while Estep is



really no stranger to India. He had been a semifinalist in the inaugural Indian Open at New Delhi in 1973—being outwitted by the veteran Mal Anderson after having a match-point in his favour.

Menon and Chiradip Mukerjee with Rico Piperno an occasional substitute were the Indian players in the exhibition. While before the end of May, Menon flew home to California where his wife Arlene is expecting their first child, the Calcutta-based Chiradip Mukerjee also moved abroad. He has shifted to Lagos in pursuance of his executive career. He told me a day or so before he left that it seemed there was now more big tennis in Nigeria than there is in India!

Before May went by yet another item of note was the final of the Calcutta Tennis League where Mohun Bagan triumphed over the South Club. Interestingly the trophy is a shield named after Sir L.P. Misra father of a Davis Cupper (Sumant Misra) and the grandfather of another (Gaurav Misra) but what is more intriguing is that this year the tournament did away with singles play the matches being decided on the basis of doubles rubbers only. It is

difficult to fathom the B.L.T.A.'s reasoning behind this strange decision.

## Akhtar Ali for London, Holland

COACH Akhtar Ali also returned to Calcutta in May. Till a few months ago a habitue of the South Club Akhtar had been away coaching on the Continent from where he had gone to California to be with the Indian team for their Davis Cup tie against the United States in Carlsbad.

Akhtar will be off again by the time this piece appears. Vijay Amritraj wants Akhtar to sharpen him up for the Wimbledon qualifying so the little man is making his way to London and will go on to Holland and another coaching assignment from there.

Meanwhile the venue of India's October 1-3 Davis Cup tie versus the U.S.S.R. has been announced as Donetsk in the Ukraine some miles north of the Sea of Azov. India and the Soviet Union have met only once before in the competition at Pune eight years

ago when India won 3-1. This is going to be a crucial tie for the losers would be relegated to the zonal competition in 1983. Already the A.I.I.T.A. is pondering over the choice of a man to go for Donetsk.

THE passing away of the great player Mohammed has been appropriately noted in the daily and periodical press. But the death of two other Indian Davis Cup players earlier in the year has escaped general notice.

Ghaus's teammate in 1927 India's only tie was against Belgium in Brussels was Y. Savori Madras in February 1927. He was who played in Davis Cup ties against Spain, Yugoslavia and Denmark in 1927 and again in 1932. He is Germany passed away in New Delhi march, aged 87.

Spare a thought too for S. Dutta the ebony skinned player who was one of the best in India has produced a Davis Cupper in his son. He died in March, aged 70.

## Edenne Cauley

Imagine life without them around. I've more energy now than before they were born.

But I manage to cut off from them when I'm playing.

I enjoy tennis so much—which is why I'm still playing. I never at any stage said I was going to retire. For me it was a very natural thing to have time off to have the children.

I know how much hard work there is to get back—but I enjoy the challenge.

She says: Mentally I feel very settled. Through the breaks for the children I've had the opportunity to enjoy all the normal things I thought I'd missed out on—like getting to know friends, going to the movies and out to dinner and getting involved in our night club.

And she adds: If it's feasible I'll have another baby.

But at the moment I'm eager to get on with my tennis. I've had enough time off to appreciate it a lot more to think about it and miss it.

And anyway I'm enjoying Morgan so much at the moment. He's so cuddly and kissable. You just want to eat him up. He's standing up on his own. I just hope he doesn't walk while we're away.

Can a mother of two defy the odds and take the Wimbledon Crown? I can win this year," she rallied with unshakeable confidence.

Then she rushed off to call her house to discover if baby Morgan had taken his first wobbly step.

*In a tennis world of tensions and temper tantrums, twanging with nerves as taut as racquet strings, Edenne stands apart* ▶



## Superstitions abound here

**D**O you avoid walking under ladders? Or get nervous when a black cat crosses your path? Or maybe you restrict your superstitions to the tennis court? You aren't alone. Watch the pros in any tournament and you may be able to pick out some of their quirks.

"I have a lot of superstitions," says Eliot Teltscher. "I sometimes count to three between points. If I look at someone in the crowd, I'll look at them three times. I wish I could break that habit. It gives me a headache."

"It's lucky for me if an Oriental person sits close to my family during my matches—or even watches my matches," says Vincent Van Patten.

Paul McNamee says he is not superstitious—except that "I use the same shower of the same spot in the dressing room. I wonder, though, if that's only a habit."

Clothes play a big part in the pros' fortunes, too, or so they think. Jimmy Connors says he wore the same pair of shorts for 103 matches in 1974 and only lost four times. "They also fit me better than any others back then," he says. "I still love them, but they're retired."

When he's winning, Ilie Nastase washes his shorts and socks in the sink every night so he can wear them again.

Bjorn Borg likes to put his towel in the same spot and take the same chair on the sideline.

Brain Gottfried also has a chair preference and he recalls that, "In Rotterdam early last year, I played Connors and we both went for the same chair. So we decided to spin a racquet for the chair. The umpire thought we were spinning for serve and wanted us to use a coin!"

## Love Doubles

**T**RACY AUSTIN and her brother, John, clicked as a team again when they beat John and Chris Evert Lloyd for the top prize of 70,000 dollars in the Love Doubles in Tokyo earlier last summer.

## Diplomatic Ashe

**A**RTHUR ASHE is so cool and diplomatic as Davis Cup captain of the USA squad that many fans have suggested that he run for political office. But Ashe is reluctant. "I don't think I would ever run," he says. "I'd have to stay in one place too much. I need to move around a lot. However, I would accept an ambassadorship to South Africa or China in a minute."

Anybody who can get America's three top-ranked players together on the same team must be doing something right.

## Financial furore

**A** British government report on the secret financial status of the mighty All England Club generated almost as much furor as John McEnroe at last year's tournament. The report noted that the club grosses seven million dollars a year from the event, the Wimbledon Championships, and went on to reveal that it contributes less than one-tenth to the floundering British tennis programme.

Such revelations only further annoy many of the players, who resent the arrogant, condescending attitude of Wimbledon officials.

John Kriek, for one, pronounces the tournament "the worst. But you have to play it, you know. If they would just leave us alone, things would be fine. But they have all these stupid rules. You can't get any practice courts, and there are two bloody indoor courts in the whole city. But who can afford them? They insist on treating us like children."

## Modest McEnroe

**J**OHAN McENROE on tennis officials:

"I know being a linesman is a thankless job, especially with guys like me around."

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## Around the country



NIS chief cricket coach Arjun Naktu snapped with the Board's West Zone U-15 camp boys who underwent training in Pune

Blue Star cricket team, which won the South Bombay Limited Over Cricket tournament beating holders Sassanian in the final



Mahindra Tractors, won the President's Cup football tournament in Bombay recently when they beat Indian Navy 'B' by a solitary goal



Magan Singh (right) development manager and sports in charge of Morarjee Mills is felicitated by Albert Fernandes on his retirement at the Bombay Hockey Association premises recently

## The rally that turned sour

**B**OMBAY's sportscribes will have second thoughts on covering a car and motorcycle rally organised by the Indian Automotive Racing Club (IARC) in future. And there is a distinct possibility that such rallies may go unreported unless the IARC's outlook toward the press undergoes a sea of change. It will be very sad indeed should the Bombay sportscribes put an embargo on covering the car rallies for its sports-loving followers.

The reasons for these come in the wake of total indifference and 'don't care' attitude adopted by the top brass of the recent IARC/MRF High Range Motor Car and Motorcycle 920 km Rally. It was not the case of giving the devil its due; even the primary privileges that are given to the press were conspicuous by their absence.

The gruelling and long enduring rally was flagged off at Central Bombay by J.F. Ribeiro, commissioner of police, Bombay and after ten cars were flagged off the members of the press were provided with three cars to follow the rallyists.

Three cars with dry lunch packets, that was all provided by the IARC to the accompanying scribes. After experiencing the ordeal of travelling upto Pune in torrid heat, the sportscribes, who had earlier decided to cover the return rally, were only interested in rushing back to Bombay.

The IARC secretary, Anil Pandit, supposed to be in-charge of the press, passed the buck to another official who in turn deputised three motor racing enthusiasts whose only reason to be with the rally was to cheer their friends. The driver and the volunteers were not aware of the rally route. The result was that pressmen could not reach the various check points ahead of the other rallyists to ascertain the placings as several wrong routes—some to the extent of 10 kilometres—were taken. Only with the help of local villagers could the car trace back to the correct route.

At Mahad village the car broke down due to a flat tyre and later near Varan the shock absorber developed problems.

The journalists had to insist on travelling by another car.

While the agonising and irritating break-downs and travelling was becoming unbearable there was not a drop of water available to quench the thirst and not until the car broke down again at Mahor could the scribes sip a glass of water fetched from the nearby huts.

Even after reaching Pune's police stadium, the end of the first leg, there was not a single IARC official to provide the results.

From the rally point of view the scribes could not follow anything it was just travelling through remote rural areas of Maharashtra. They finally decided to return to Bombay from Pune and had to pay the toll tax at Vashi as the driver had no money.

On the one hand, the IARC may gloat over the 'success' of the rally. But on the other, they have killed two birds with one stone. Giving bad publicity to MRF, makers of automobile tyres, and getting on the wrong side of the fourth estate.

P. VISWANATH



**C**ALLIGRAPHY is a sprinter extra ordinaire. The Common Land happy Shink grey proved inclusively when she added £7 kilos to victory in the 1400 metres Karnataka Police Cup at Bangalore last week when making her first appearance since earning the title of the fastest horse in the country by winning the Sprinters Supremacy at all the field last March. It was a breathtaking finish and a magnificent performance.

Although the JP Goerika and KJ Suresh had never before carried as much as 63 kilos, leave alone 67 and all had no record of weight. Calligraphy had many supporters and she was the second favourite behind the established sprinter Suresh. She was a receipt of as much as 15 kilos for her. She traversed the 1400 metres from the start when it was about 200 metres and as she started to the Aniba Alagi came Suresh who was brought along by lightening gallop and Ada Rosa. The Apres Moi came from where he was in the fray. All five went to the post and were locked together in what could be described as cavalry charge and after the judge had seen the photo he named Calligraphy a winner by a short head from Aniba Alagi and Suresh identical distance and Ada Rosa a head further away. The time of one minute 15.4 seconds, it could not be broken in the one minute 12.5 seconds as the grey clocked when winning the Karnataka Police Cup. Of course she was carrying 16 kilos.

Calligraphy is an eight-year-old grey trained by Byramji.

## Magnificent performance by Calligraphy

gives to his work. Two jockeys with better reputations than Shafiq Vasant Shinde and Robin Corner are retained by Byramji but both are lightweights and if either had rode the filly would have been required to carry much dead weight. In order to prevent that Byramji engaged Shafiq and gave him a feel of the grey by asking him to exercise her before the race.

It was good stable work and it produced results. Needless to say Calligraphy who was unbeaten in four starts in Bangalore during the winter but who failed the Indian 1000 Guineas in Bombay will find it difficult to win further races this season as there are very few races for Class one over the sprint course and as she will always have to shoulder an immense task. Aniba Alagi who last ran and won in the lower class showed much improvement but the run to remember was that of Apres Moi. Slow out and losing further ground when taking the home turn, wideish she was travelling the fastest at the finish.

The failures earlier in the campaign of Scintillation, tribute, Aristocratic and Ability had clouded the picture of the Filly Trial Stakes. It was brought into sharp focus when Birthday Girl made hash of Class Three opposition in the 1200 metres Lumbini Stud Plate. The Never Never of Fair World Hara Priya chestnut who had won the Nilgiris Derby in Ooty in her last effort went away from the opposition soon on hitting the straight and had much in reserve when passing the post eight lengths clear of Kafue and Lamborghini who deadbeated for second place in the same time as that returned by Calligraphy. This was Birthday Girl's fifth win from her seventh start and her fourth in a row. Admittedly she has neither the bloodlines nor the conformation on her Gotabroad stable.

mate Tributa but it is performance that counts and on that score she is as now the favourite for the Fillys Trial which will begin a fortnight away.

Lamagast had advanced his claims for consideration for the Colts Trial and Carlos came into the reckoning when they had won earlier. Both were completely overshadowed by the magnificent performance of Camino, a sparingly raced son of Grey Gaston. Celandine who is halfbrother to an earlier Fillys Trial winner Corrente E Quro in the 1400 metres Tippu Sultan Cup. Camino with Parnell astride made his win running away from his three opponents to coast to a victory by a distance over the fully ridden out Berkthor.

### Hat trick

He completed an unusual unbeaten hat-trick when running for the first time on his home course. On this showing the Colts Trial which is scheduled for June 27 is in his pocket and even at this distance in time it would seem that he will bring off the double by also winning the Bangalore Derby. It should be noted that this prediction was made months ago when he trounced his rivals widespread criticism of the manner in which horses without any form to recommend their chances are backed as if defeat were out of the question and win like champions and they have touched a raw nerve of the Bangalore officials after they have started to come down heavily on erring professionals. Allowing Mark One to run on merits in Saturday's Bhadravati Plate and Sinclair Marshall was given the same punishment for his handling of Attorney General in the Tippu Sultan Cup the next day. In addition there is a plethora of fines for lesser offences and there is general tightening up of the supervision which is in the best interests of the sport for the racegoer must get a fair deal there is however one Bangalore official who functions consistently well and that is the handicapper who merits an accolade for the allotment of the weight in the Karnataka Police Cup.

There was a time when Indian Press gave a detailed coverage of the Ipsom Derby. The public interest in the race is still considerable but the news coverage is hopelessly inadequate. Trainer Vinceny O'Brien sent out his sixth winner when Golden Fleece with Pat Eddery astride came with a strong stretch run to carry Favouritism to victory on the first Wednesday in June in the best time since the Second World War. Touching Wood with Cooke up was second. Silver Hawk with Murray Astride was third and the Yves Saint Martin ridden Persepolis filed the frame. Saint Martin is France's premier rider and those with long memories will recall that about a decade ago Byramji planned to bring him out but government permission was refused as he is not a national of a commonwealth country.

## ALL IN THE GAME!



It could try them out even more comprehensively if sir will kindly step outside."



**N**OW that the stadia and other facilities for the Asian Games have been more or less completed, the question is who is going to sit in them and watch the various events

An official of the games' promotion committee was telling me about it: "I don't think we will have any problems about filling the stadia. Already all the ministers, deputy ministers, ministers of state, both at the centre and in the states, have asked for complimentary tickets to watch the games. They should fill up a quarter of the main stadium and half of the indoor stadium."

"Right," I said. "But what about the rest of the stadium?"

"You do not expect the ministers to come on their own, they will naturally come with their wives, their children, their relations, their neighbours, their

friends, etc., that should fill up a good bit of the rest of the stadium," the official said. "They will, of course, all be guests of the organising committee."

"Of course," I said. "That should account for all the VIP seats in the swimming pool stadium. But what about the seats at the hockey and football stadia?"



"The members of parliament have all applied for complimentary tickets to witness all the events. We think this is a very encouraging sign. After all, if our legislators start taking interest in sports, then the rest of the country

would also do so. In fact, that was one of the main reasons why it was decided to hold the games in Delhi," the official said.

"That's nice," I said. "How about the general stands, how are you going to sell the tickets to get them filled?"

"I think we may not be faced with the eventuality of actually selling tickets," the official said. "Members of all the state assemblies will have to be given complimentary tickets to see the games. It must be remembered that several of the athletes will be from their states."

"True," I said.

"And MLAs always travel with their families and local people from their constituency who wield influence and who have got them elected, who will have to be given complimentary tickets. Then there will be the government officials, police officials, military brass."

"I think you are going to have a full house," I said. "But what about all these new five-star hotels that you have constructed, who is going to stay in them?"

"Well, the MPs will stay in their own houses, but the other invitees from the states will be put up at the hotels as state guests," the official said.



**Q** WHAT is Peter May's record as captain?

— S Srinivasan, (Madras-5).

**A** MAY led England in 41 Tests. Under him, England won 20 Tests, drew 11 and lost 10.

**Q** WHAT is Sunil Gavaskar's record as skipper?

— G.B. Deshmukh, (Nagpur)

**A** GAVASKAR has led India in 30 Tests. Under him, India have won

eight times, drawn 20 Tests and lost two. India have also won four series under him, against the West Indies in 1978-79, against Australia and Pakistan in 1979-80 and against England in 1981-82, all at home. India also shared the rubber with Australia for the first time in Australia in 1980-81.

**Q** WHAT were Sunil Gavaskar's scores in the third Test against the West Indies at Calcutta in 1978-79?

K N Purushotham, (Hubli-20)

**A** CAUGHT Baichus, bowled Phillips 107 in the first innings and 182 not out in the second.

**Q** ON which ground did India play their first Test match in England and on which ground did England play their first Test in India?

— N H M Chokhanda, (Jamnagar)

**A** INDIA's first-ever Test was played at Lord's on June 25, 27 and 28, 1932. England played their first Test in India at the Bombay Gymkhana from December 15 to 18, 1933.

**Q** WHO was Sunil Gavaskar's opening partner in the Golden Jubilee Test against England in 1980? Did Chetan Chauhan play in the match?

— Vijay Nikam, (Ahmedabad)

**A** ROGER BINNY was Gavaskar's partner. He was run out for 15 in the first innings and was leg before to Botham for a duck in the second. Chauhan did not play in the Test.

**Q** HOW many times did Vinoo Mankad claim five or more wickets in an innings in Tests? Please give details.

— Mahendra D., (Panjim, Goa)

**A** MANKAD achieved the distinction eight times in 44 Tests. Details: Five for 101 in the second Test against England at Manchester in 1946. Eight for 55 in the fifth Test against England at Madras in 1951-52. Five for 196 in the second Test against England at Lord's in 1952 (Mankad match). Eight for 52 and five for 79 in the first Test against Pakistan at Delhi and five for 72 in the third Test in 1952-53. Five for 228 in the fifth Test against the West Indies at Kingston in 1952-53. Five for 64 in the fourth Test against Pakistan at Peshawar in 1954-55.

**Q** ARE Prakash Padukone and Vijay Amritraj eligible to represent India in the forthcoming Asian Games?

— Wesley Pereira, (Raia, Goa)

**A** PRAKASH's eligibility is in doubt and the Badminton Association of India is exploring the possibilities. Vijay Amritraj is not eligible.



**PLAYED** in the lower group of the Danish Championship, this game won a brilliancy prize. Black plays cleverly giving up the exchange, but his calculations are upset by White's Bishop sacrifice on move 21

#### AUCHENBERG—KRISTIANSEN

1.d4, Nf6, 2.c4, g6, 3.Nc3, Bg7 4.e4, d6 5.f4, 00 6.Nf3, c5 7.d5, e6 8.Bd3, exd5 9.cxd5, b5 10.007, a6? 11.h3, Re8 12.Re1, Re7 13.Bc2, b4 14.Na4, Re7 15.e5! Nfd7 16.Bb3! Nb6 17.Nxb6, Qxb6 18.Ba3, dxe5 19.d6, exf4! 20.dxe7, fxe3 21.Bxf7ch, Kxf7 22.Ng5ch, Kf6 23.Qf3ch, Bf5 24. Nxf7ch, Kxe7 25.Rxe3ch, Kd8 26. Qd5ch, Nd7 27.Rxe8ch, Kxe8 28.Qg8ch, Ke7 29.Qxg7 and White won.

9..b5) Four Pawns Attack in King's Indian Defence. Black's main alter-

natives are 8...Qb6 10.Qb3, Nbd7 11.Qxb6, Nxb6 12.00, Bd7; 9 Re6 10.00 c4 11.Bc2, Nbd7, and 9...Ne6 10.00, Nc7.

10.00?) 10.Bxb5, Nxe4! 11.Nxe4 Qa5ch 12.Kf2, Qxb5 13.Nxd6, Qb6 is complicated. Best is 10.e5, dxe6 11.fxe5, Ng4 12.Bxb5

10...e6?) MCO 10 gives 10..c4 11.Bc2, b4 12.Ne2, Re1 13.Ng3, Qb6ch 14.Kh1, Be6 -/+.

15.e5! If 15...dxe5 16.e6! Re6 17.fxe5, Nfd7 18.Bb3 wins the exchange.

19...exf4) After 19..Rd7 20.fxe5, Bxe5 21.Bf2, Rxd6 22.Qc1, Nc6 23.Bxc5, Qc7 24.Bxd6, Qxd6 25.Qh6 (threat 26.Ng5) wins.

22...Kf3) 22...Kg8 23.Qb3ch, Kh8 24.Nf7ch, Kg8 25.Nh6ch, Kh8 26 Qg8ch!, Rxd6 27.Nf7 mate.

#### BELYAVSKY—UHLMANN

An international tournament in Sarajevo (Yugoslavia) of 16 players including 10GM's was won by the Russian Grand Master Belyavsky with the impressive score 12½/15

1.e4, e6 2.d4, d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5, Ne7 5.Nf3, c5 6.a3, Bxc3ch 7.bxc3, Bd7 8.dxc5, Nbc6, 9.Bd3, Ng6 10.Rb1,

finesse worked, he could have enjoyed the luxury of testing diamonds but West was mean enough to produce the King which Mansur was forced to ruff in dummy

Do you think Mansur now played the DQ and a diamond, to the Ace as us lesser mortals would have done? Not a bit of it! Mansur cashed his DQ and promptly finessed against East's knave How right he was!

This was the full hand

A K 7 6 4 2  
K J 10 3  
Q 3 2  
nil  
10 9 5 N Q J 8  
9 8 2 W E A 8 7 5  
9 S J 6 5 4  
K J 7 5 4 3 6 2  
3  
Q 4  
A K 10 8 7  
A Q 10 9 8

"How did you guess to take the diamond finesse? I asked Mansur after the session

"Trade secret!" he scoffed

"Paisa parega (cost you money)"

"Did you have a peek?" I teased

"Why do you think East returned a Club?" the old boy snapped "He wanted me to ruff in dummy so as to secure his knave"

Mansur has always had that kind of insight into defenders' minds even though his reasons are sometimes inscrutable and even obscure

Incidentally, you may have figured out that "6 Diamonds" is makeable even without that uncanny finesse, except on a heart return.

On a Club return, for instance, declarer takes the ruff in dummy and

Ncxe5 11.Nxe5, Nxe5 12.Rdb7, 00 13.Bxh7ch, Kxh7 14.Qh5ch, Kg8 15.Qxe5, 16 16.Qg3, e6? 17.c6!, 1-0.

French Defence, Winawer Variation. The transposition 4...Ne7 avoids 4...c5 5.Qg4-line

7...Bd7?) 7...Qa5 8.Bd2, c4 and 7...Qc7 8.Be2, b6 9.00 Ba6 are Black's alternative here.

8.dxc5) MCO recommends here 8.a4, Qa5 9.Qd2, Nbc6 10.Be2, Rc8 11.dxc5, Ng6 12.00, 00 13.Qa3, Qc7 14.Nd4! +/- (Smyslov-Uhlmann, Mar del Plata 1966).

8...Nbc6) Also after 8...Qc7 9.Bd3, Be4 10.Rb1 theory favours White.

12..00) 12..Qc8 13.Rb4, Qxc5 14.00 is good for White.

16...e5?) 16...Rf7 had to be played.

#### END GAME

Last week's ending by E. Asava (1975): White-Kg3; Rh3; Nh8; P's-b4, d6, e3. Black-Kf8; Rd7; P's-a7, b5, e4, f7, g6. Win 1.Rh7, Kg8 2.Nxg6!, Rxd6 3.Rh8ch!, Kg7 4.Ne5!, f6 5.Rh6!, (interesting pins and fork threats) Rd5 6.Ng4! f5? 7.Rh 7ch! (not 7Rh5? f4ch! 8.Kh4, Rxh5ch 9.Kxh5, fxe3 10.Nxe3, Kf6 etc. and wins the b-Pawn) Kg6 8 Rd7!, Rxd7 9 Ne5ch end 10 Nxd7

playing diamonds normally arrives at this position

A K 7 6 4 2  
K J 10  
nil  
nil  
10 9 5 N Q J 8  
9 2 W E 8 7 5  
nil S J 6  
J 7 5 4 2  
3  
Q  
K 10 8  
A 10 9 8

The four-one trump split is at this stage exposed, so declarer cashes dummy's top spades, ruffs a small spade in hand and cashes the CA

7 6  
K J 10  
nil  
nil



Mansur Tyebjee



**BRIDGE** players, like old wine improve with age! For proof, look at that old warrior Mansur Tyebjee...

"He's finished" was the popular chorus a few months ago after Mansur had recovered from a nasty illness. "He can hardly see the cards" Mansur has not only started seeing cards again. He is seeing through the cards.

In one of the qualifying rounds of the Open Pairs at the recently concluded B.C.A. annual tournament Mansur was in "6 Diamonds" on this lay-out

A K 7 6 4 2  
K J 10 3  
Q 3 2  
nil  
3  
Q 4  
A K 10 8 7  
A Q 10 9 8

Opening Lead H6

There were eleven tricks on top and a club ruff in dummy looked like an easy twelfth. All that the contract needed was a three-two break in the trump suit. Ordinarily it would have been routine to test diamonds by playing Ace and Queen in order to catch a possible knave fourth with East but the need for a club ruff in the short-trump hand denied this extreme precaution

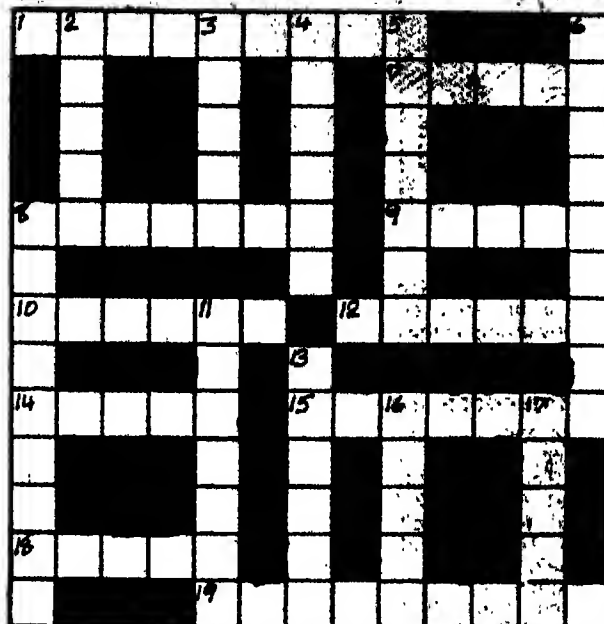
Watch Mansur at work. East took the HA and returned a Club. Mansur correctly inserted his Queen...had the

ACROSS

1. Table tennis International ends with an expression (5, 4).
7. Hockey winger (5).
8. English cricketer has a stirer in the beginning (7).
9. —long—wicket partnership may frustrate the bowlers (1, 4).
10. —powerful—scores in badminton (1, 5).
12. Indian left-arm spinner (1, 5).
14. American tennis star Sherry—starts with a type of current (5).
15. Bradman often sent the fielding side leather—(7).
18. Indian chess master (5).
19. — —Thomas donated the men's international badminton trophy (3, 6).

DOWN

2. Wimbledon and world table tennis champion comes up (5).
3. English cricketer has the French inbetween (5).
4. American physical educationist who was teaching in India for a long time ends with a hospital room (6).
5. Hockey playing country ends with a conjunction (7).
6. Sport with a respite inbetween (9).
8. Indian skipper (1, 8).
11. Athletes have to guard against this injury with shower inbetween (7).



16. Australian cricketer has a negative start (5).
17. 6 down is also called the—and grünt sport coming up (5).

How much do you know?



1. How many weight divisions are there in Olympic judo?
2. What is the duration of a water polo match?
3. In archery, what is the maximum score in the double FITA round?
4. Can a referee in billiards give any advice or express opinion on points affecting play?
5. A boxer has fallen on the floor, after how many seconds should the referee take before counting 'one' during the knock down?
6. In ball badminton, if the ball drops on

any line during service, is it a valid serve?

7. In basketball, during jump-ball, if the ball touches the floor without being tapped by atleast one of the jumpers, what should be done?

ANSWERS

1. Six. 2. Four periods of five minutes each of actual play with two minutes interval between periods. 3. 2,880 points. 4. No. 5. One second. 6. No. 7. The official shall put the ball in play again at the same place.

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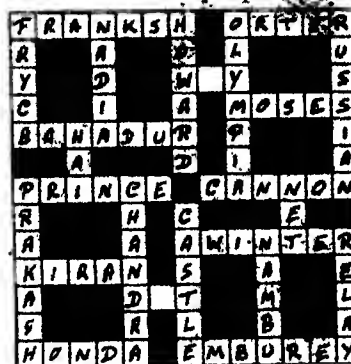
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# MAIL BAG

## Rare event indeed

**A**T Lords, if India's Sunil Gavaskar wins the toss and decides to bat, a rare event may occur in the annals of Test cricket, that of a captain starting the bowling to a captain opening an innings.

Congratulations to Bob Willis a great bowler and a deserving skipper. Let us hope this captain to captain starting of a Test makes the match very interesting and thrilling.

J Jayachandra Babu,  
(Singbhum Bihar)

## Not yet adjusted

**I**NDIA's defeat in the Prudential series was disappointing though not altogether unexpected, because England in England is a far different opposition.

As one esteemed correspondent put it, India does not seem to have adjusted to the demands of One-day cricket abroad.

This brings us to Alan Graham's point made in your latest issue of 'World of Cricket' that limited overs games is here to stay.

It will take a long time to come up to expectations abroad but there is hardly any doubt that India will eventually catch up.

It will be a folly to see too much in India's defeats. Our main task will begin on June

## Bridge...from p 44

nil		N		nil
9 2	W		E	8 7 5
nil				J 6
J 7 5		S		nil
		nil		
		Q		
		K 10		
		6 3		

The heart Queen is overtaken in dummy and the hearts cashed pitching losing clubs from hand whilst East miserably follows suit. A spade lead from dummy row trump-coups East. The latter's hand pattern is fortuitous for declarer.

Mansur did not need to pray for that fortuitous hand pattern. He just knew that East had the guarded diamond knave!

Fresh from his triumph in the Maharashtra State Championship Mansur went on to win the B C A Pairs with his former partner Ramchandran, to add yet another feather to his multi-studded cap.

as it was the edge-of-the-sword excitement all the way and India will get a good run for their money.

—V S Chorghade,  
(Model Colony, Pune-16)

## Goodbye, hockey gold

**I**NDIA's big defeat at the hands of Pakistan in the first international hockey match at Dubai is a sad but true reflection of our falling standards. Our standards have steadily declined and if immediate steps are not taken they will continue to decline further.

As things stand it seems that we have said a goodbye to our hockey gold at the coming Asiad and if we do not improve fast, the poor silver too might slip off from our hands.

It is true that we have some good



Hassan Sardar...the magical Pak forward

forwards. There is also Rajinder Singh in the defence. But then hockey is a team game. In our own style of play, the emphasis is on the centre forward. While Pakistan's spearhead Hassan Sardar scored three goals, our own centre forward and skipper (God forbid) Surinder Singh Sodhi, missed three sitters in a row. Even earlier, Sodhi had proved to be a masfit.

The happenings in the IHF are also a cause for concern. Former India captain Prithpal Singh has reportedly stated that the IHF needs to be cleansed up. The sooner this is done, the better for Indian hockey.

—Jaimin Bhatt,  
(Andher, Bombay)

## Commendable show

**I**NDIA have certainly shown by their performance in the matches against USSR on the opening day and with the Bombay World Cup losing finalists West Germany that they are still a considerable force to reckon with.

That our victory over USSR came as no surprise was predictable, but that the

margin of victory was so convincing was lamentable.

However we made up for our lapse in the previous match by edging past West Germany 3-2. Our lads played superbly to bring the European champs to their knees.

The cogglomeration of new faces with that of some old salts did the trick and one hopes that this combination continues throughout.

But we should guard against those wily Australians who might turn tables on our aspirations.

And then what about Pakistan? Will we be able to go through our main foes or should we be content at staying number five, above the lowly placed USSR and below the rest?

It is the question which only Surinder Singh Sodhi and Company can answer.

—Gerrville Tyson,  
(Dadar, Bombay-38)

## Decision most welcome

**T**HE decision of the Argentine Football Association to take part in the World Cup soccer in Spain is most welcome.

In fact one should have been happier had Guillermo Vilas and Jose-Luis Clerc had taken the same decision, to continue to play at the Wimbledon.

With as many as 24 countries in the fray (one may optimistically presume that Britain will take part) there is very little to differentiate and judge their performance, though one may be inclined to put his money on either West Germany, Brazil and Argentina.

Also one would be glad if the principle of keeping of sports and politics separate is followed everywhere.

—K Surya Vah,  
(Bangalore)

## A tragedy so sudden

**P**ARTH VYAS, the country's No. 6 player in the table tennis passed away so suddenly at so young an age, that the mind refuses to digest this sorrowful news.

He was a very promising player and had a very humorous and a kindly disposition and had a lot of friends and fans among the T T circles of Pune.

In my moment of grief I convey my sincere condolences to his parents and his brother.

—Rahul Chandawarkar,  
(Pune-37).

**T**HE tragic news about the sad demise of Parth Vyas our national Table tennis player came as a great shock to T T observers all over India.

In his passing away, we have lost a player of great potential. This 19 year-old star along with Sujay Ghorpade was our best bet for the future.

It is my sincere appeal to the T T officials that a tournament be started in his name.

—K V Srinivas Murthy,  
(Hyderabad)

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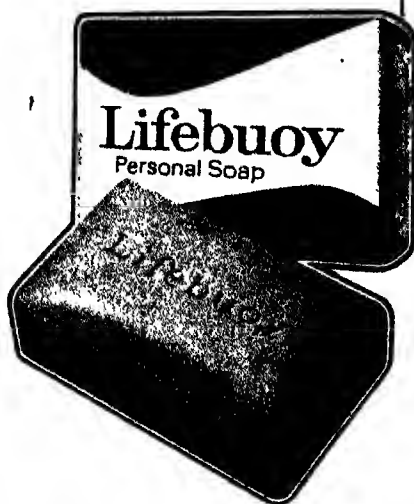
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## Cover

**T**HE keen tussle which was expected between the two best known contemporary allrounders—Kapil Dev and Ian Botham—has not been belied

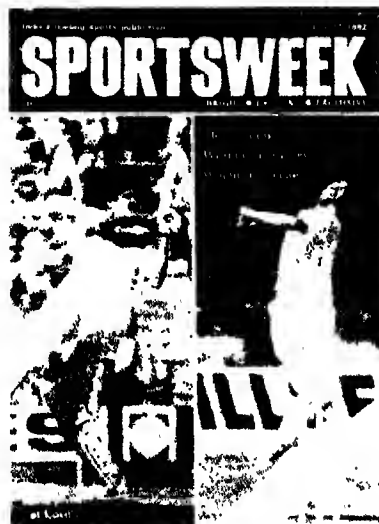
And although England won the Lord's Test with ease, the first battle between the two has certainly gone in Kapil Dev's favour.

During the Lord's Test the Haryana speedster exposed the England opening batsmen's susceptibility to fast and accurate bowling and proved that giving a breakthrough for India on a lively wicket would pose the least problem. Kapil Dev's third wicket at Lord's was his 150th wicket in Test cricket.

While Kapil's performance with the ball has always remained consistent, his batting has been spasmodic amidst some brilliant and exhilarating exhibition of strokeplay. His recent exploits with the bat at Lord's not only saved India from an innings' defeat, but proved his ability when the odds are against him.

Kapil's showing in the Lord's Test fell nothing short of the adjudicator's expectations and deserved nothing less than the Man of the Match award which he was presented with.

**Transparency: Neelkant Sharma (batting action); Kamal Julka (bowling action).**



# Worst fears coming true

**O**UR worst fears about the lack of technical knowledge as far as conduct of the various sports for the Asian Games as expressed in SPORTSWEEK (May 23 1982 The AstroTurf mess ) are coming true

Soon after the AstroTurf drama in the capital in the middle of May 1982 comes the news about the laying of the Olympre track and the marking of the lanes on it at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium where the Asiad athletic events will be held

According to a news report a marking of the lanes on the Olympre track recently laid has not been done properly The report further says that the line on the eighth lane falls on the concrete base instead of the Olympre surface The marking was done by the officials of the British firm which supplied the synthetic surface

This fault in marking was noticed a month ago but no efforts have been made to rectify it It is also learnt that no official of the Amateur Athletic Federation of India or the technical directorate of the Asian Games Special Organising Committee was present during the marking

It seems we shall hear many stories like this lack of technical knowledge as the Asian Games come closer over the next four months Because sad to say we just do not seem to care for the all important technical matters though a number of officials had the benefit of foreign tours over the year to study such problems

## Revealing

We have gathered further information on the AstroTurf mess through a source close to the USA based firm which supplied and laid the surface at Delhi and Patiala Some of the facts brought to our notice on the points raised in the May 23 issue of SPORTSWEEK are quite revealing

The contract for the supply of AstroTurf was signed with the NIS on October 26 1981 and LC opened on December 7 1981 In the second week of December the Government changed the dimensions of the AstroTurf to be laid at Delhi and Patiala The firm informed the Government that the additional cost of such alterations would be to the tune of US dollars 30 000 The NIS regretted that it would be impossible for them to get the additional amount sanctioned The firm decided to waive the additional expenditure provided the NIS agree to the following terms

At the time of installation of the AstroTurf the NIS would provide labour

force for loading operations at Delhi installation operations in Delhi and Patiala and provide equipment such as mobile crane or fork lift The NIS agreed to these terms but did not provide the same

Though a firm's representative visited India in January 1982 and gave specifications for the preparation of the sub base at Delhi and Patiala the same wasn't prepared as per the specifications and much time was lost in getting the sub base re done properly

According to the contract the AstroTurf job was to be completed in India in two weeks But due to lack of planning and not working as per specifications the job took six weeks

The AstroTurf reached Delhi on March 15 1982 by road from Bombay But the installation equipment which came by air on March 21 1982 could not be cleared till April 15 1982 due to the usual Government red tape As a result the three man crew which arrived in India from the USA for installation on March 23 1982 had to cool their heels and pay for their stay in Delhi

Ultimately the crew decided to install the AstroTurf by hand at Patiala and started work on March 30 1982 and completed the work on April 29 1982

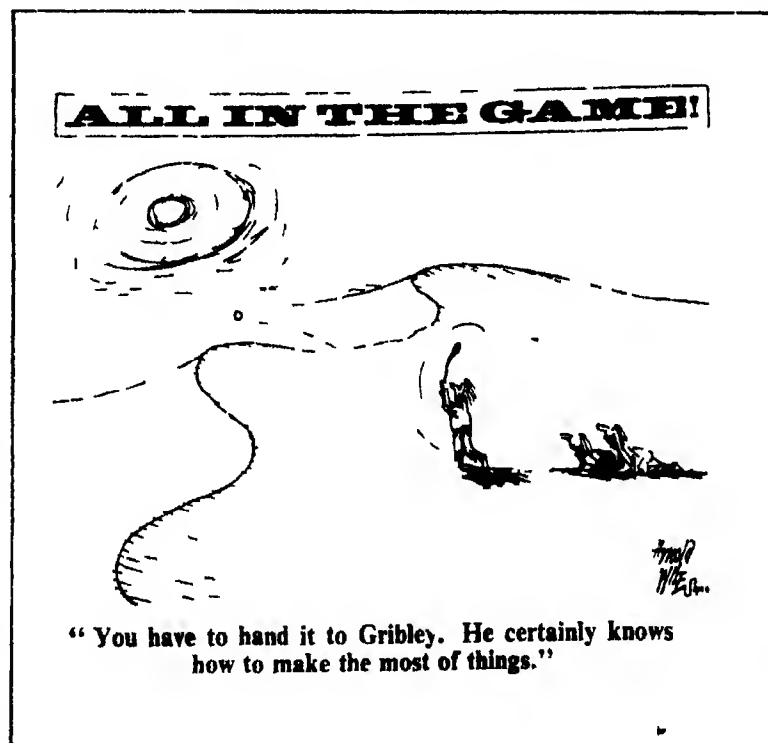
The Delhi job was started with the

equipment on April 30 and completed on May 5 It seems when the job was finished at Delhi no official of the NIS or the AGSOC came to take over the charge for three days and as such the crew left for their next destination to avoid unnecessary hotel expenditure in Delhi

During the installation operation it was explained by the firm's representatives that the centre bulge was just an optical illusion that glue was not put underneath the seams because it could cause problems in high temperature conditions mainly by way of wrinkles on the surface that any clear water was good enough for spraying the field and it was not necessary to get only filtered water for this purpose

The local authorities did not know how to use the vacuum cleaner It seems the representatives volunteered to demonstrate the use of the vacuum cleaner by prior appointment When they came to the stadium to start the machine the same was not taken out from the crate (again courtesy redtapism) and could not be demonstrated

Lastly there is no clause in the contract which gives the firm the right to make alterations in the contract from time to time as reported



# Weather stands in Indians' way

— By Henry Blofeld —

**T**HE weather prevented the Indians from turning their advantage to victory on the third day of their game against Gloucestershire at Bristol. Gloucestershire who needed 246 to win in 170 minutes were 39 for 4 when bad light ended play one over after tea. India first of all took their overnight score of 102 for 3 to 200 for 4 declared and the declaration coincided with the third interruption for rain.

When play resumed Madan Lal scored his second good 50 of the match. However because of severe problems on a pitch with a badly uneven bounce the umpires have reported it to Lord's as unfit for first class cricket.

Madan Lal is only fast medium but the first ball of the innings caught Andy Stovold unawares. It was short and he did not pull out of the way in time and was caught behind.

Soon after the start Malhotra's chances of keeping his place for the second Test disappeared when he cut at Graveney and was caught behind without adding to his overnight score of 37.

Madan Lal was now joined by Yashpal Sharma and they put on 96 for the fifth wicket without being parted.

On the first two days India did not bowl or bat with much conviction. After

taking the first 4 county wickets for 54, they allowed them to recover to 200 for 6 declared in reply to India's 255 for 5 declared.

Nayak had nightwatchman Brassington caught behind and Martin Stovold was lbw playing back and across the line to Madan Lal.

After that, Broad and Bainbridge, both average county performers, were allowed to put on 97 for the fifth wicket on a pitch which was slow with a low bounce and took spin.

Doshi was not at his best and the Indians generally did not look as if they were going to severely test England's batsmen at Old Trafford.

Shastri had Broad lbw playing back and not forward with the score at 153 and then bowled Bainbridge through a walking forward stroke and the declaration soon followed.

When India went in again Nayak soon played a lifter into his stumps and Shastri was bowled by a nasty break back.

There was now a good stand of 61 between Malhotra and Patil but Patil stupidly threw his wicket away near the end coming down the pitch to left arm spinner Graveney and being stumped.

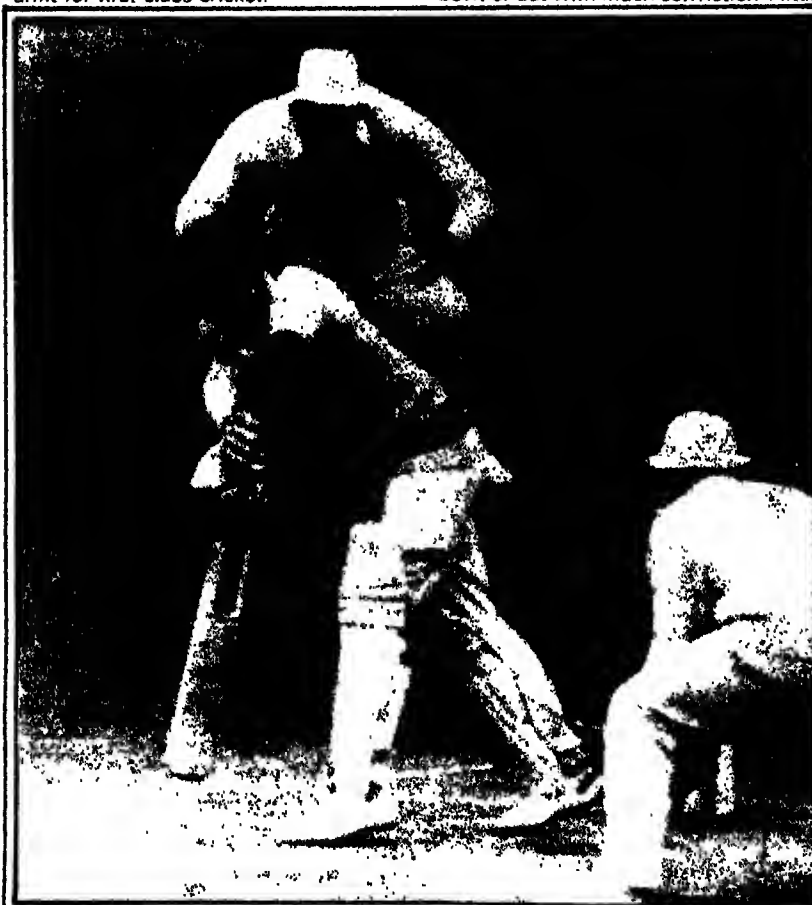
On the first day the Indians were worried by the continued failure of their middle-order batsmen in spite of their outward optimism. On a lifeless pitch against one of the friendliest attacks in the country, only opener Ravi Shastri played with any confidence and runs.

## New Test sponsorship

**E**NGLAND have signed a new Test sponsorship deal with Cornhill Insurance that will be worth £2 million over the next three years.

The deal will cover next year's four match series against New Zealand, the games against West Indies (five) and Sri Lanka (one, provisionally) in 1984 and the six Test matches with Australia in 1985.

The initial cash involvement will be £600,000 for the New Zealand Tests and index-linked to cover subsequent series.



India's Yashpal Sharma concentrating on his batting as he plays Paul Allott during India's second innings in the Lord's Test.  
—AP.

seldom came at more than two an over; until the second new ball was taken at 169 for five.

Then the tempo of the day changed completely.

David Lawrence, a fast bowler who comes originally from Jamaica, was highly erratic on his first-class debut and David Surrudge did not bowl as well as he had.

Yashpal Sharma and Madan Lal suddenly began to play some splendid strokes as they hooked, drove, and cut in fine style.

The batting of these two underlined the earlier failures although David Graveney made a mistake in taking the second new ball quite so soon for at that stage the two spinners were in tight control.

The continued failure of Ashok Malhotra, Sandeep Patil and now Gundappa Viswanath, who was out for 1. and 3. in the first Test match, is desperately disheartening for India.

Shastri however should one day become an outstanding player at the highest level

Pranob Roy fell to a low return catch by left-arm spinner Graveney just before lunch and Shastri was bowled round his legs by a full toss soon afterwards, then Viswanath, Patil and Malhotra all got out cheaply

Viswanath shuffled across his stumps to his second ball from Phil Bainbridge and was lbw when it kept low. He would probably have been better off playing forward

Viswanath scored two centuries early in the tour but is going through a bad patch now

India badly need him at his best

Patil played two lovely strokes off Bainbridge—a late cut and a cover drive, before he once again seemed to lose concentration

He came down the pitch to play spinner John Childs to leg and was stumped when the ball ran back to Andy Brassington off the bottom of the bat.

For all that, I am sure India should play Patil in the next Test I saw him 19 months ago hit 174 against Australia in Adelaide when he took Dennis Lillee apart and in their predicament the selectors must rely on his class.

### Notts criticised

**C**HAMPIONS Notts were heavily criticised for the standard of pitches at Trentbridge this season, by the Test and County Cricket Board's pitches sub-committee which met at Lord's

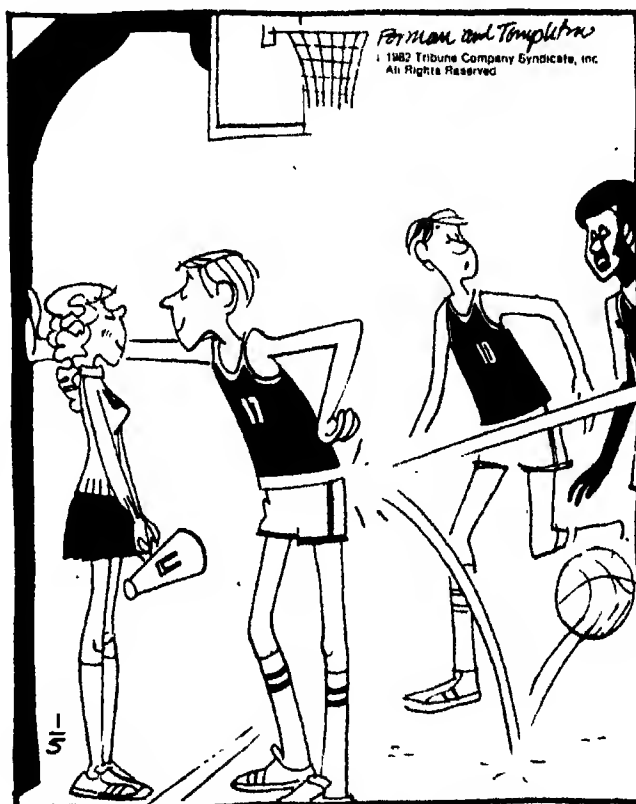
On three occasions this season, pitches at Notts' headquarters have been given a 'poor' rating by the umpires

In all, the committee considered umpires' reports on 15 grounds, the largest number of adverse reports for some years.



Yashpal Sharma fails to run out England's David Gower during the second Prudential Trophy at the Oval. Gower made 76 runs —AP

## THE SPORTING LIFE



HE SURE WAS A LOT BETTER PLAYER BEFORE HE WENT THROUGH PUBERTY.



# What ails Doshi?

—By Henry Blofeld—

**T**HE England selectors underlined their confidence when they named the same 12 players who came to Lord's for the first Test, for the second at Old Trafford

It may be that this time they will play Geoff Miller who was twelfth man at Lord's leaving out Derek Pringle so that he can captain Cambridge in the university match

Personally, I feel Pringle should play for England for he is a full time professional cricketer and his place in the England side is anyway a splendid advertisement for university cricket

While England's problems are the present ones which come from strength, the Indians have done little to simplify the task of their own selectors in their game with Gloucestershire

Shastri is an exception for he has made sure of the second opening batting place and although Patil and Nayek will probably play at Old Trafford they have hardly demanded places by their form in this match



Dilip Doshi...seems to be disheartened

The big disappointment for me has been the showing of left arm spinner Dilip Doshi who seems to me to be disheartened and understandably so.

He is the No. 1 spinner in the party and yet he was left out of both the one-day internationals. It was said that his batting and fielding were too weak and so Shastri played as the spin bowler.

But even if Shastri is a better batsman and fielder, he is nothing like such a good bowler. Surely the best way of keeping the opposition betting in check is to bowl them out and there was more chance of Doshi doing this than Shastri.

Then in the first Test Gavaskar only gave Doshi a couple of overs at the Nursery End at Lord's which is where left arm spinners traditionally like to bowl for then they have the advantage of the considerable slope

Doshi bowled from the Pavilion End which meant that he had to try and turn the ball up the hill while Shastri had the use of the slope from the Nursery End. It was surprising captaincy.

# Lamb? He reminds me of me!

—By Denis Compton—

**B**OB WILLIS has had some ecstatic moments in a Test career spanning 12 years, but I am willing to bet, after his first performance as England's skipper, that, even at 33 and a fast bowler too, he is heading for an extension of his international appearance

Nine wickets and a fine victory can do him nothing but good in the eyes of the selectors!

I liked a great deal of what I saw in the first Cornhill Test against India at Lord's, particularly the batting of 28-year-old Allen Lamb—South Africa born, but of English parents

In each of his last three seasons for Northants, he has averaged more than 60. But plenty of crack county batsmen have subsequently floundered at Test level. Not Lamb. He showed he has real class and chairman of selectors Peter May tells me he was impressed. At a time when we are deprived of the massive talents of Graham Gooch, Allen is a timely bonus for England.

He plays superbly off the back foot—always the mark of a quality player—and in subtle ways his defensive methods have much of the strength and solidity of Ken Barrington

Best of all was Lamb's obvious eagerness to take on the opposition by belting a couple of first-rate cover-drives as soon as he got to the wicket. It was a deliberate move which was all the

more welcome as England were in some difficulty at the time

It reminded me, in all modesty, of my own playing days. For it was always my intention to get at the bowling before it



Allan Lamb...a timely bonus for England

could get at me. The first ball I received anywhere near a half-volley, I cracked it, hard. And if one did not show up in the first over or so I went down the wicket to make one!

It might have looked odd at times, but my reasoning was that it was vital to establish who was boss early on.

What a stimulating line-up we could

have with the aggressive Gooch at No 1 and with the lively Lamb, David Gower, Derek Rendell and Ian Botham to follow!

I am frequently told that Chris Taverne has the shots to join any stroke-making company. I hope he proves it soon, as our new opener.

After his first-Test triumph, it was reassuring to hear Willis's realistic view that, with men like skipper Gavaskar and the talented Viswanath still to hit form for India, England can take nothing for granted in this series

And with the magnificent Kapil Dev around, only a fool would do so. I think he is the most exciting allrounder India has ever produced—and I am not forgetting my late-lamented friend Vinoo Mankad

Like our own powerhouse, Botham, Kapil has the ability to turn any Test match upside down, either with the bat or the ball, even though he has to carry the whole load of India's strike bowling. With too little top-level support, he has to make every breakthrough. Yet he seems to thrive on such challenges. Truly, a remarkable player.

If we provide the good wickets every Test should have, and not the grassy green-tops that are beyond Indian comprehension, he and his colleagues could yet provide tough opposition for England, and a feast of good cricket for the fans.

## Lord's Test



*Ian Botham hugs Bob Willis after the England skipper struck three quick wickets with the second new ball during India's second innings*



*Kapil Dev (not in pic) uproots England opener Tavaré's off stump on the fourth day of the Golden Jubilee Test at Lord's*  
—AP



*Dilip Vengsarkar pulls a ball from Paul Allott during his memorable knock of 157* —AP

# Tests at Old Trafford

Series records	For England	For India
Highest innings total	571 8 dec in 1936	390 5 in 1936
Lowest completed total	294 in 1946	58 in 1952
Top individual score	167 Hammond 1936	118 Umrigar 1959
Centuries	Eight	Five
Highest partnership	168 Illingworth Lever 1971	203 Merchant Mushtaq 1936
Three figure stands	Nine	Three
Best innings analysis	8 31 Trueman 1952	5 96 Amarnath 1946
Best match aggregate	11 93 Bedser 1946	8 167 Amarnath 1946

**A** TOTAL of 51 Tests have been played at Old Trafford. 50 of them by England (in 1912 Australia had played and won a Test at Old Trafford against South Africa in the Triangular tournament).

England has won 18 Tests at Old Trafford. 7 vs Australia, 3 each vs India, South Africa and West Indies, and twice vs New Zealand.

Australia has won 4 Tests vs England at Old Trafford. West Indies thrice, and South Africa once.

India's record at Old Trafford is indifferent: 3 defeats and 3 draws in a total of 6 Tests. The chronology of outstanding achievements and failures:

(1) **1936** The famous Test when India was bowled out for 203, and then after trailing by an enormous deficit of 368, the opening pair Vijay Merchant and Mushtaq Ali put on

exactly the same number of runs as the first innings total 203 for the first wicket in only 150 minutes. India proceeded to pile up their best total in any Manchester Test to force a draw.

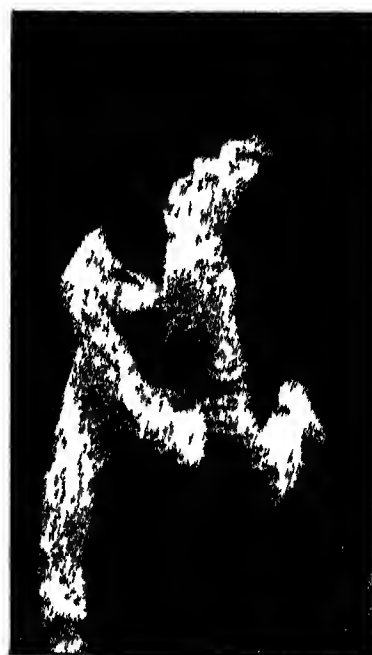
Incidentally, both sides combined to aggregate 588 runs on the second day, a world record for the most runs scored in a single day in all Test cricket. England's total (compiled in only 375 minutes) and Hammond's score are both records for England's best at this venue against India.

(2) **1946** Lala Amarnath posted India's best bowling performance in any Test at Old Trafford. Manchester to bowl out England for 294. This total looked meagre when the formidable duo Vijay Merchant and Mushtaq Ali began with a first wicket stand of 124. But India then collapsed to lose their last 9 wickets for only 46 runs to trail by 124.

The match ended in a tense and dramatic draw, the last wicket pair of Sohoni and Hindlekar holding out for the final 13 minutes. Alec Bedser, playing in only his second Test, again took 11 wickets in the match as he did on his debut at Lord's. His match aggregate at Manchester is the best for England in 29 Tests vs India on English soil.

(3) **1952** England won by an innings after dismissing India twice on the same day for 58 and 82. A total of 22 wickets fell on the third and final day, eight of them to fiery Fred Trueman, playing in only his third Test. His 8 for 31 is England's best in 64 Tests against India up to the start of the 1982 series. It also remained Trueman's personal Test career best even after 67 Tests. India's 58 is the lowest total in 51 Tests at Old Trafford by all countries.

(4) **1959** Abbas Ali Baig's century (112 run out) on Test debut—the only Indian so far to perform the feat in England. At 20 years, 131 days, he had been the youngest Indian to



*'Fiery Fred' Trueman playing in only his third Test returned 8 for 31 in the 1952 Manchester Test.*

score a Test century until Kapil Dev took the record away from him by scoring 126\* vs West Indies at Delhi in 1978. 79 at the age of 20 years, 21 days. Despite this debut ton and Umrigar's 118 (the highest score by an Indian at this venue), India lost the Test.

(5) **1971** I shall always remember this drawn Test for a magnificent spell of medium pace bowling by Abid Ali in the first session on the opening day. 14 overs, 4 maidens, 4 wickets for 19 runs in England's lunch score of a poorish 53 for 4. Ray Illingworth then played a captain's knock of 107 to add 168 with Peter Lever—England's best for the eighth wicket in any Test against India.

(6) **1974** Abid Ali again returned striking figures in an opening spell of 9.3 overs, 2 maidens, 2 wickets for 13 runs in England's score of 45 for 2 at tea on a rain interrupted first day.

Mike Hendrick took a wicket with his third ball on Test debut—his second legitimate delivery after starting his Test career with a no ball!

Sunil Gavaskar ended a bleak run of 16 Test innings after his memorable debut in the Caribbean by scoring 101 before being run out—his first century in three years. Despite Gavaskar top scoring again in the second innings with 58, England won by 113 runs.



*Walter Hammond has 167, is still the best performance by an Englishman at this venue.*

# 300 in a day

**W**HEN opening batsman Glenn Turner scored 311 not out with 39 fours and two sixes out of 501 for one declared in 342 minutes on the first day of a county match for Worcestershire vs Warwickshire at Worcester on May 29, 1982, he became the 15th player in first class cricket annals to accomplish this rare feat of 300 runs or more in a single day.

(1) The world record belongs to Charles Macartney who slammed 345 out of 540 in just 235 minutes for the Australian touring team on the first day of the fixture against Nottinghamshire in 1921.

(2) Then comes another Australian, Bill Ponsford, who hit 334 out of 573 in 322 minutes on the second day of the Sheffield Shield match for Victoria vs New South Wales at Melbourne in 1926-27 in the course of his knock of 352.

(3) Next on the list is India's alltime great Duleepsinhji who raced through 333 runs out of 513 in 330 minutes on the

opening day of the county match for Sussex vs Northamptonshire at Hove in 1930.

(4) The fourth highest knock qualifying for most runs exceeding 300 in a day is Jack Robertson's 331 not out in a total of 623 in 390 minutes on the first day for Middlesex vs Worcestershire in 1949.

(5) South Africa's incomparable Barry Richards made the 20th of November 1970 unforgettably memorable with a blazing 325 out of 513 in 330 minutes on the first day of the Sheffield Shield match for South Australia vs Western Australia at Perth. The next day, he went on to record a career-best 356 in 372 minutes with 48 fours and a six.

I particularly remember this incandescent innings, which I heard described with breathless lyricism on Radio Australia, because a couple of days later I was in Pune suffering the torture of watching Maharashtra painfully putting together 177 timid runs in a full day's play of 330 minutes against Bombay in a Ranji Trophy fixture. What a glaring contrast!

Let's quickly complete the list of batsmen hammering out 300 in a day.

(6) Eddie Paynter scoring 322 out of 546 in 300 minutes on the first day for Lancashire vs Sussex at Hove in 1937.

(7) Australian C W Gregory scoring 318 in 345 minutes on the second day in the course of his eventual score of 383 for New South Wales vs Queensland at Brisbane in 1906-07.

(8) R.H. Moore scoring 316 out of 509 in 380 minutes on the first day for Hampshire vs Warwickshire at Bournemouth in 1937.

(9) New Zealander Roger Blunt scoring 315 out of 540 in 320 minutes on the third day (reaching an unbeaten 338 the next day) for Otago vs Canterbury at Christchurch in 1931-32.

(10) It will come as a revelation to many who are inclined to denigrate Mike Brearley as a batsman to learn that in his early days he was a fine attacking player and a prolific run-getter. Once, in 1966-67, he scored what still is his career-best 312 not out in a total of 514 in 330 minutes on the first day of the touring M.C.C. Under-25 XI's match against Pakistan's North Zone at Peshawar.

(11) Now follows Glenn Turner's 311 not out in a day—naturally, a career best score, surpassing his previous best of two identical scores of 259 in successive matches: first against Guyana in West Indies and then in the Georgetown Test, 1971-72.

(12) It is a unique statistic that Don Bradman is the only player in cricket annals to hit 300 in a day in a Test



**Charles Macartney...the world record for scoring 300-plus runs in a day's play stands to his credit**

match—309 out of 456 in 340 minutes on the opening day of the 1930 Leeds Test. The Don scored his three hundreds in a single day in 99, 115 and 122 minutes respectively, and eventually was out on the second day for 334 in just 336 minutes. A segment of this tremendous knock is, to this day, the fastest double hundred (the first 200 in a bare 214 minutes) in Test history.

(13) W.H. Ashdown's 307 out of 623 in 360 minutes for Kent vs Essex at Brentwood in 1934 on the first day. The next morning, Ashdown was out for 332.

(14) A. Ducat's unbeaten 306 in 280 minutes on the opening day of Surrey's match against Oxford University at the Oval in 1919.

(15) Frank Foster's 305 not out in a total of 448 in 260 minutes on the second day of the county match for Warwickshire vs Worcestershire at Dudley in 1914.

Nowadays, we feel easily satisfied if an entire team scores 250-300 runs in a full day's play. Just imagine the sort of exhilarating cricket dished out on just a single day—July 28, 1937, when TWO batsmen in two separate matches each scored over 300 runs on the same day. Paynter 322 at Hove and Moore 316 at Bournemouth. Ah, those were the days!

That's why Glenn Turner's superfast triple century in a day is so refreshingly welcome. This feat was last achieved chronologically speaking, by Barry Richards in Australia 12 years ago. More pertinently, no one has done it in England for the last 33 years since Jack Robertson's performance.



**Glenn Turner...his superfast triple century accounts for his career-best score**

# Bombay regain title

**B**OMBAY shook off their defeat in the second round of the previous season at the hands of Gujarat as a bad dream, and came back to regain the cricket title in 1951-52. In every one of their encounters they showed their overwhelming superiority, and as a fitting climax they defeated holders Holkar, an equally formidable side, by the large margin of 531 runs.

It was a moderate season otherwise, with the participants, with few exceptions, depending on one or two stalwarts to see their problems through. In the ultimate analysis it were only Bombay and Holkar that showed not only individual skill of players, but also teamwork, so much needed for success.

It would be ideal to start the story of this season's championship with the final between Bombay and Holkar. As they walked out to toss it was interesting to observe the generation gap between the 57 year old C.K. Nayudu and the 30 year old Madhav Mantri, whether the tall and stately C.K.

overwhelmed the short, sparsely built Mantri, the latter must have felt honoured to face the former as a captain. And, ultimately must have been overwhelmed by emotion to receive a pat from C.K. for taking Bombay to a great victory and for his own big part in it. Mantri was honoured by Indian Cricket as one of the cricketers of the season.

After an opening stand of 177 runs between Mantri (94) and Madhav Apte (98), followed by a competent 62 by Ravi Modu, Ramchand and Vinoo Mankad, who had switched over from Gujarat, scored centuries, so much so Bombay raised the tall score of 596 runs. Ramchand (149) added 130 runs with Modi for the sixth and 166 with Mankad for the seventh. Ramchand's was an aggressive knock while Mankad scored 100 runs before lunch on the second day.

Holkar replied suitably with 410 runs through steady batting, besides Sarwate (70); the other two batsmen to

score half-centuries were C.K. (66) and Jagdale (59). Dattu Phadkar bowled with great heart to take seven for 109. A fine innings of 152 runs by skipper Mantri marked Bombay's second innings of 442 for five wickets. Holkar had a stiff target, but their collapse for 97 runs against Mankad (four for 21) and Subash Gupte (four for 41) proved an anti climax not only to the final, but also to their own earlier performances. In Holkar's second innings C.K., nursing an injury did not bat. Nivasarkar did not concede a bye in Bombay's first innings.


Apart from Mankad, Sohoni's inclusion—he had come after long service to Maharashtra—had strengthened Bombay, who had in their ranks Phadkar, Modi, Divecha, a fine medium-pacer, Ramchand and young Manjrekar. Mantri topped the batting aggregate with 364 runs, with Ramchand (330), Madhav Apte (319), Modi (282) and Mankad (238) following him. Sohoni, V.R. Amladi and Manjrekar supported with valuable knocks. Phadkar with 32 wickets was the outstanding bowler of the season and was in roaring form against Saurashtra and Mysore.

In Saurashtra's second innings he took six for nine in ten overs with three maidens, and with Sohoni (three for 10) skittled them out for 25 runs. His match figures were 11 for 37, one of the best registered in the championship. In the semifinal against Mysore he took six for eight, in 7.1 overs with five maidens, and with Mankad (four for 10) skittled them out in the second innings for 28 runs. His match figures were seven for 18.

## Neat knock


A neat knock of 108 by Apte, who made his debut for Bombay, marked his side's victory over Saurashtra in just two days by an innings and 323 runs. Bombay then crushed Gujarat by an innings and 124 runs. A second wicket stand between Apte (93) and Amladi (87) were followed by a half-century from Ramchand (54) and a 147-run stand for the eighth wicket between Mankad (82) and Sohoni, who notched up a fine 103. Bombay made 506, and then had Gujarat on the run for 146 and 236. Phadkar, with five for 51 in the first innings, and Shinde with five for 83, in the second were chiefly responsible for the success. Kishenchand played a solid knock in the Gujarat second innings, he scored 79.

This victory took Bombay to the semifinal where they annihilated Mysore in convincing fashion in two days by an innings and seven runs. Mysore in convincing fashion in two days, thanks to the fine off-break



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bowling of V.M. Muddiah (six for 22) supported by Adisesh, who claimed three wickets, in reply to their own 170. But they crashed against Phadkar and Mankad, the match ending rather precipitately."

Holkar was as strong as in the previous season, the addition of some youngsters like S.D. Dhanawade only sharpened their approach

Holkar had to fight hard to win their opening match against Bihar in the East Zone. Gaikwad had a big hand in their success, scoring a fighting 164 runs, which, however, was nipped by a few chances. He and B.B. Nimbalkar (53) added 78 runs after six wickets had fallen for 141 runs. Then Gaikwad with the support of Dhanawade, skittled out Bihar for 98. Following on, Bihar rallied through an admirable 122 by opening batsman Om Prakash, to total 259 runs. This forced Holkar to bat again to win by nine wickets. It was steady work with bat and ball that helped Holkar to a seven-wicket win over Bengal. But the palm for the best performance went to S.K. Girdhari of Bengal. Besides taking six for 125 in Holkar's first innings he played a valuable knock of 69 in Bengal's second innings.

## Challenge

Services, who had developed their strength under the able guidance of Hemu Adhikari, was Holkar's next opponent in the semifinal. The match went even in the first innings—Services 196 to Holkar's 219—but when Holkar rallied to score 485 in their second venture they set a challenge to Services which was beyond their capacity to accept. A fine innings of 83 by Mushtaq Ali, Sarwate's solid 68 and a forceful 126 by Rangnekar were responsible for Holkar's tall score in the second innings. Only their skipper Adhikari kept the Services battle going with a gallant knock of 86. They were all out for 250. Incidentally, Adhikari became the only batsman of the season to cross the 500 mark and register an aggregate of 554 at an average of 138.50. His best score was an unbeaten 230 in the opening match against Rajasthan, new entrant, 83 and 115 against Southern Punjab, and 40 and 86 against Holkar.

Mysore was the foremost team in the South Zone, where Travancore-Cochin were a new entry, marking the spread of the cricket cult to these two Southern states. Adisesh, P.R. Shyamsunder and T. Thimiah were their leading batsmen while fast bowler G. Kasturirangan was the best bowler. He had the support of spinners Muddiah, T.D. Krishna and medium-pacer Adisesh. Mysore beat Travancore-Cochin, Hyderabad and Madras to qualify for the semifinal.

Mysore's victory over Hyderabad was by the overwhelming margin of 422 runs. After taking a lead of 218 runs in the first innings, Mysore ran up 402 runs for the loss of four batsmen to which Shyamsunder (123) and Adisesh (183), made with an aggressive assault, contributed heavily. Despite a 82-run knock by former Baroda player Gul Mahomed, Hyderabad fell for 198 runs in the second innings. Mysore defeated

Madras by 174 runs as much by their greater variety in bowling as their greater consistency in batting. But it was Kannayiram, the Madras medium-fast seamer, who took credit for the best bowling of the match with six for 59 runs. T.D. Krishna, with a match haul of seven for 94, was Mysore's best bowler. Mysore then crashed before Bombay in the semifinal.

Other outstanding performances of the season were Polly Umrigar's 193 and 181 by Kishenchand, both for Gujarat against Maharashtra, and their 293-run stand for the fourth wicket, Vijay Hazare's delightful 179 for Baroda against Maharashtra, a magnificent unbeaten 155 by Lala Amarnath for Southern Punjab against East Punjab; and Prithiviraj's gallant 150 for Southern Punjab against Services. The biggest partnership was for the sixth wicket between Adhikari and A.K. Khanna, for Services against Rajasthan in 250 minutes; they were 230 and 133, both unbeaten.

P.W. Bullock of Assam stood out with the ball, taking seven for 70 against Orissa, while A.S. Krishnaawamy (Mysore) with seven for 73 against T-C, was only a little behind him. Besides Phadkar, who took 11 for 37 against Saurashtra, Margopal Singh of Delhi and K. Singh of U.P. were the other bowlers to have a match bag of 10 wickets. Margopal got 10 for 114 against East Punjab while Singh's figures were 11 for 118 against Bihar.

The Editor of Indian Cricket summed up the progress of the championship so

far thus: "The question arises whether it will not be advisable to institute a separate championship for those States which are manifestly weak. Teams such as Travancore-Cochin, Orissa, Assam, Rajputana, Saurashtra and East Punjab, to mention only a few, cannot fail to benefit by such a course. This suggestion has long been mooted, but an immediate decision is advisable in the interests of cricket in areas where it is by no means flourishing. Bengal emphasised the need for this reform by scoring 760 runs and by dismissing Assam for the combined total of 347 runs in a farcical match."

Again, "Southern Punjab depended mainly on the allround abilities of Amarnath, while Gujarat, who had created such a fine impression the previous year, looked mainly to Umrigar and Kishenchand for their runs. These instances were only a symptom of a failing which cannot fail to be disturbing. It is that, in most cases, one eminent player or two upholds a team with the others serving as supernumeraries. Indian cricket cannot develop satisfactorily until not only are the competitors well matched, but also all the players in every team contribute to its strength. To look to a Test player to win matches is hardly satisfactory. It is the duty of the State selectors to introduce youth to the National Championship as early as possible and to foster its growth under favourable circumstances. It is time the Ranji Trophy championship is run on a different basis."

## THE SPORTING LIFE



# So sickening a situation

**I**n certain sport in the country in fighting officials has reached endemic proportions. Swimming easily tops the list with women's hockey a close second. Volleyball has miraculously turned the corner, thanks to Sivandi Adityan.

Matters in Indian aquatics have come to such a pass that the entire Kerala team has decided to boycott the National Age-Group Championships at Kanpur.

The fact that swimmers should have been driven to this extreme step, placing their own future and career in jeopardy, should suffice to show the extent of the malady.

By their protest, the Kerala swimmers have highlighted the problem as never before. They deserve the gratitude of swimmers from all over the country, even though officials are likely to frown upon their move and perhaps charge them with indiscipline.

It is to be hoped that their sacrifice will not be in vain.

Indeed, I am tempted to suggest that swimmers everywhere should follow suit so that officialdom would be purged of all unwanted and disgraceful elements once and for all.

This suggestion may smack of a political agitation, but there seems to be no other way by which the politics in the sport can be rooted out.

Swimmers can no longer remain hapless participants with officials playing ducks and drakes and forming rival bodies with impunity.

If swimmers have been threshing about without achieving even the minimal progress registered in other sport, the

blame for it can be squarely placed on the officials.

In fact, Indian aquatics may by now have sunk without a trace, but for the boost it has received thanks to the forthcoming Asiad.

The sickening situation in Kerala can be found in most other centres.

Maharashtra, who have produced some outstanding swimmers and who are still endowed with abundant talent, are also faced with a similar situation.

Two factions have been warring with each other for long. Thanks to their internecine disputes, even the Nationals could not be held through an order of the court.

Even though a semblance of peace has been restored with the formation of an ad hoc committee including representatives from the rival factions, it is a highly unstable and uneasy situation with the rivals virtually at each other's throats at every opportunity.

At the time of writing, one section has gone to court over the nomination of officials for a clinic to be conducted along the Nationals at Kanpur.

The provocation, needless to add, is that most of those nominated for the clinic owe allegiance to the rival faction.

The fact that quite a few of the officials are eminently qualified and can serve India well at the Asiad has been totally lost sight of.

So it goes on with none caring in the least for the swimmers or the sport.

The only difference in the situations obtaining in Kerala and Maharashtra seems to be that while the parents are solidly behind the swimmers in Kerala they are the root cause of all the trouble in Maharashtra.

While parental involvement should be welcome and may be perceived in almost all sport, there have been disgraceful incidents in Bombay with parents openly abusing each other and in the presence of their wards.

It is surprising that there should be so much politics in swimming because it is a sport where the performance of an individual can be precisely measured. To that extent, it ought to be free of the charge of favouritism at least in selections.

The trouble is that parents carry their own stop watches and dispute the official verdicts.

One way of restoring some order therefore would be to banish parents from the poolside. However, this cannot be easily achieved when parents become officials. So the best

course would be to ban all parents from holding office.

It is also high time measures were devised to combat the menace of rival factions.

Experience has shown that bringing the rival factions together is of little avail. Group loyalties remain unchanged and the in-fighting goes on.

In such circumstances, the only way out is perhaps to keep all factions away from office and appoint an ad hoc committee comprising men who have proven knowledge and integrity and who owe allegiance to none, but the sport.

However, to achieve this end, the Swimming Federation of India must first rise above petty politics. And it can be forced to set its house in order and act in the best interests of the sport if the swimmers stand unitedly and agitate for a better deal and a cleaner administration than what exists today.

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**D**ON'T. For god's sake, don't

I fell like shouting thus against the move to make Ravi Shastri an opening batsman for India

The opener is a specialist. Any attempt to pitchfork someone unaccustomed to that role has little chance of success.

The experiment has been tried out a number of times and has invariably ended in failure.

In India, Dilip Sardesai could not succeed as an opener despite all his technique. Ashok Mankad and Dilip Vengsarkar are two others who were forced to revert to batting lower down.

Why, even M.C. Cowdrey, with all his knowledge, experience and great skill, could not succeed as an opener.

The move to promote Shastri as an opener to have been born out of expediency. He may have made runs against the Combined Universities and Gloucestershire, but facing Willis, Botham and co. in a Test is a different proposition altogether.

Ghulam Parkar's debut at Lord's may not have been up to expectations, but the fact remains that almost all our leading batsmen failed in the first innings.

The point is that our attack seems to be a bigger problem than our batting. The need of the hour is an extra bowler who will lend some edge and variety. Alas, we seem to have none.

Shastri is a youngster whose virtues include application. I sincerely hope he succeeds. At the same time, one cannot escape the feeling that the experiment is fraught with danger.

## Quotes

"People change. A new character is born. I have decided my pony tails won't carry me throughout my playing career. That's why I decided to chop it off. I've grown up."

- The new-look, Tracy Austin

"I play to win. I don't play for money because money is not everything to me. It is just a convenience to get me by."

- Jimmy Connors

"People tend to write off India far too easily—but they've got some world class players. I am very pleased we got out of trouble by positive methods rather than blocking and just hope that we have persuaded the crowds this is going to be a series worth watching."

- Bob Willis, England captain.



**WATCHING** the early stages of the World Cup on TV has not been the nightmare it might have been. But listening to the commentators and panel "experts" is an endurance test of frightful technical dogma.

They talk like politicians, magnifying their technical theories at the expense of the instinctive ability and spirit of the players.

Meanwhile, Honduras, Algeria and Kuwait have lifted our hearts with the promise of something spiritual and unpredictable.

"It is beyond my understanding," the West German manager gasped after their defeat by Algeria. Perhaps he should have caught the first train home as he promised to do if Algeria won.

But the defeat was not beyond the understanding of his players—particularly in the later stages of the match when they threw caution to the winds, deserted their technical disciplines and charged forward to the Algerian goal mouth.

Now it was blood and thunder, with all the risks thrown in, all the better to look at and enjoy Football from the heart, rather than a whitewashed brain.

Of course, the Brazilians have that nice mixture of brain and heart. Their tempo and harmony appeal to most of us.

They are the dancing masters of football because their hearts take them forward, while most others play anti-clockwise. The Brazilians have doubts; the others have fears.

Which is why commentators and experts mocked the Brazilian defence when their goalkeeper made a simple mistake against the Russians. Has it not been historic habit for experts to pick holes in something good?

After all it would be a waste of time for them to point out the obvious in something bad.

Did not the French point out some alarming gaps in England's defence in the first half of their match?

A bit of adjustment in midfield, we are told, sorted out the trouble and led England to a deserved victory.

This does not convince me. I thought it was Bryan Robson who led England to victory with his dash and determination.

He scored two exceptional goals with instinctive perception and timing—with

## World Cup Soccer

# Experts on the 'Idiot Box': They talk like politicians

— By Danny Blanchflower —

the heart as much as the head. This has painted over the gaps in defence.

Listening to the commentators, it was almost difficult to decide whether Scotland had won or lost against New Zealand.

The score was 5-2 in Scotland's favour but that was not enough for the experts. They were predicting that Scotland needed six clear goals to be sure of qualifying for the next stage of the tournament.

Now we are predicting anti-clockwise. Or is it just that dehydration is confusing the experts as well as the players?

The dilemma raised its head in the Scots' match with Brazil. Jock Stein chose a very defensive formation to stonewall the favourites, and all the experts approved of it.

And roses were climbing up the wall when David Narey scored an unusual goal for Scotland early on.

In the end, as it was in the beginning, it was to no avail and confusion reigned.

as to whether Scotland had played good or bad.

Stein and his captain, Graeme Souness, felt they had not played badly, and I felt that myself.

But that led to the questions: What might have happened if the Scots had played badly? And what might have happened if they had sent out an attacking formation?

Could they have lost more than 4-1?

It is typically Irish that a good start for Northern Ireland should be a bad one for Yugoslavia, although they finished level. A moral victory, we used to call it.

In those days we had to equalise before the other team scored. Nowadays, the other teams do not seem to score a lot. In these anti-clockwise days goals are hard to come by.

Still, while there are Honduras, Algeria and Kuwait, and, of course, the Brazilians, there is some hope of the unexpected.

## Kuwait:

# We'll show the world

— By David Miller —

**B**ACK home in Kuwait City the temperature is soaring over 130deg.

The mere 100 or so in Bilbao will not trouble remarkable Kuwait when they take on perspiring, weight-shedding England on Friday.

On Thursday evening, 20 miles from Valladolid at the grandiose palm shaded hacienda so unlike England's Blackpool—style commercial hotel in a diesel haze on the filthy Bilbao estuary, manager Alberto could hardly speak.

He was hoarse from shouting at his men to get back in the match against Czechoslovakia.

Kuwait drew 1-1 and gave the most uninhibited eight-man attacking exhibition in the second half of any team so far other than Brazil.

While Algeria, Cameroon and Honduras have achieved surprise results with determined defence, Kuwait have taken the tournament's breath away with their daring attack.

"Against Czechoslovakia they lost their heads," said Alberto. I was screaming

for somebody to stay back, we were attacking without caution.

The weeks and months of waiting had suddenly exploded inside them, they wanted to show the world what Kuwait can do.

"Kamil should have scored twice, but each time he slipped. I cannot persuade him to use a proper, longer stud on this thick grass."

"Believe me, there are some ways in which these players who have so much skill, are still total amateurs."

"I've always considered our most difficult game would be against England and it is even more true after their performance against France, and their return to the 4-4-2 formation with which they won the World Cup and played so well against Brazil in Mexico."

None of that, however, concerns Sad Al Houti, Alberto's gutsy little skipper. A lady from *Time* magazine earnestly asked if he had been nervous before the match.

He smiled almost incredulously. "Not at all," he said.

"Will we change our tactics against England? You should not ask me that, just come to the game."

We will, indeed we will.

June 13

### Belgium 1 Argentina 0

**A**RGINTINA, the world champions, were finished on the evidence of the defeat by the cynically defensive, unappealing European finalists Belgium.

Evan Maradona's unrivalled skills were lost in the maze of a Belgian defence which was at times 11-strong.

He hit the bar with an amazing free-kick a quarter of an hour from the end, but it was a galling debut for him in the Barcelona stadium where he will play next season.

It may have been two points for the Belgians, but by heavens it was not football.

A goal by Erwin Van den Bergh after 17 minutes of the second half sank the champions, who were scintillating for the first 10 minutes and thereafter were seen to be yesterday's man.

Cesar Menotti who masterminded their success four years ago has clearly made the mistake of all managers who breed a great team—he has kept them together too long.

Most extraordinary of all, in view of Argentina's long preparation for the defence of their title, they looked less than fit against Belgium's large, powerful and fast side.

It was no surprise that after a quarter of an hour the world's costliest player had ground virtually to a halt.

The goal came as Frank Vercauteren crossed the ball from the left with Argentina pressing forward and Van den Bergh ran through, suspiciously offside, to beat Filloi.

There must have been no more than a foot or so in the decision which I thought may have just been all right.

Maradona bent a free kick two yards in the air to hit the bar. Bertoni was fouled in the box as Belgium pulled everyone back yet again. And referee Christov failed to see it.

June 14

### Brazil 2 USSR 1

**F**AVOURITES Brazil and Russia gave us a crackling carnival of a game to set the World Cup alight.

Russia's marvellously balanced blend of nine players from Tbilisi and Kiev promised to be the most successful team they ever sent to the finals and Brazil were soon on the receiving end.

But Socrates and Eder in the last 15 minutes gave Brazil a dramatic victory.

There were incidents that were bizarre. In the 18th minute, with the game fluctuating in thrilling strike and counter-strike, Shengelia went scorching through the middle of a Brazilian defence which had already



*The world's most highly paid player, Diego Maradona of Argentina, is attacked by Belgium's Vandermissen in the World Cup inauguration game which holders Argentina lost by a solitary goal.*

nervously encountered the full force of his pace.

The goal had been equally bizarre. In one of their many counter-attacks from midfield in which all three men pushed forward at speed, Andral Bal let fly from outside the penalty area.

His team-mates stood in disbelief, and they were lucky not to go two down two minutes before half-time when Perez again failed to hold the ball cleanly on a dipping free kick by winger Oleg Blokhin as Shengelia and Gavrilov both challenged, the ball screwing just past the post off Gavrilov's toe.

Socrates beat two men with 15 minutes to go and crashed home a 25-yard equaliser.

Eder put Brazil ahead with two minutes from time with a 20-yard left-foot drive.

### Italy 0 Poland 0

**I**TALY, winners of their four previous opening World Cup matches, had their run stopped by resolute Poland in their Group One opener at Vigo.

Rossi never impressed against the Poles' organised defence and there must be a doubt.

Italy, champions in 1934 and 1938, started well enough, with Giancarlo Antognoni setting up a series of probing attacks from midfield, but their effort and enthusiasm evaporated after the break as Poland, with Zbigniew Boniek dominant, took control.

Poland's best spell came at the start of the second half.

But Italian goalkeeper and captain Dino Zoff, celebrating his 100th international appearance, was called upon to make only one save.

June 15

### Hungary 10, El Salvador 1

**H**UNGARY shattered El Salvador in their Group One game at Elche.

The goal-hungry Hungarians scored their first in the third minute and were 3-0 up at half-time. By the second half they had set a World Cup record by reaching 10 goals.

Hungary eventually beat Salvador 10-1.

### Peru 0 Cameroon 0

**C**AMEROON carried the African banner into the World Cup finals with honour giving a splendidly competitive performance to hold Peru to a goalless draw.

The Peruvians, who reached the second round of the finals four years ago and were quarter-finals in 1970, were looking for an emphatic win to stand a chance of qualifying from Group 1 ahead of Italy and Poland.

### Scotland 5 New Zealand 2

**S**COTLAND almost blew it again in the World Cup allowing raw outsiders New Zealand to come back from three down at half-time.

Two goals by the Kiwi strikers Steve Summer and Steve Wooddin turned the game on its head just when the Scots were heading for the kind of score that could be vital in an issue of goal difference.

Some of the damage was repaired when, with 15 minutes to go, John Robertson curled home a cunning free kick.

Then, brought on as substitute for Alan Brazil, Steve Archibald, headed the fifth from a Gordon Strachan corner.

A goal after 17 minutes from Kenny Dalglish and two more John Wark before half time gave their supporters here in Malaga and around the globe a fix of their favourite drug.

## June 16

### Algeria 2 West Germany 1

**W**EST GERMANY, champions in 1954 and 1974, were beaten 1-2 by Algeria in a stunning World Cup upset at Gijon.

Algeria, appearing in the finals for the first time, gave little chance of progressing beyond the first round, won the group two game on merit with goals from Rabah Madjer after 53 minutes and Lakhdar Balloumi in the 68th minute.

Karl-Heinz Rummenigge scored the Germans' goal after 67 minutes.

The green-shirted Algerians, who three months ago could finish only fourth in the African Nations Cup, achieved the remarkable distinction of joining Brazil and reigning world champions Argentina as the only teams to beat West Germany since the 1978 World Cup.

### England 3 France 1

**B**RYAN ROBSON scored a goal in each half to spark England to a 3-1 victory over France in their opening World Cup Group IV soccer match at Bilbao.

Robson opened the scoring after only 60 seconds and then headed home the 66th minute decider after Gerard Soler had equalised for France in the 24th minute.

The teams were level 1-1 at half time in front of a 44,172 crowd in the San Nemes stadium.

Paul Mariner capitalised on a defensive error to score the third England goal in the 84th minute.

### Honduras 1 Spain 1

**T**HE script went wrong for Spain at Valencia when the World Cup hosts were able to score only a meagre 1-1 draw with Group V outsiders Honduras.

For an hour it looked as if Spain would be defeated by a team who came to the tournament with odds of 1,000 to one stacked against them.

Honduras were given a marvellous early boost when Porfirio Betancourt broke swiftly from midfield and clipped a pass through Spain's static defence for Zelaya to drive the ball home.

Saura, who headed against a post after 60 minutes, was brought down in



*Soccer ballet...Garaba (left) of Hungary and El Salvador's Rodriguez seem to ballet dance during the Hungary-El Salvador tie which Hungary won 10-1*

the penalty area by Villegas six minutes later and Lopez Ufarte crashed home the penalty to salvage Spanish pride.

## June 17

### Austria 1 Chile 0

**A**USTRIA beat Chile 1-0 in Oviedo in a grim, uncompromising Group 2 game.

Walter Schachner scored the only goal midway through the first half to put Austria level at the top of the group.

### Czechoslovakia 1 Kuwait 1

**F**AISAL AL-DAKHIL wanted by top clubs in both Europe and South America, blasted a goal to put Kuwait firmly on the world football map after four years of promise.

Having gone a goal down on the half-hour to a penalty awarded by Ghanaian referee Kwabena Dwomoh which should have been in indirect free kick for obstruction, Kuwait proceeded to dominate the last hour.

Spearheaded by the brilliant Faisal who beat two and three defenders at will, they attacked more persistently than any team in the competition.

When Panenka hit home the penalty off a post after Mayouf had blocked left winger Vizek, it seemed Kuwait might find they were out of their depth—but quite the reverse.

Faisal, Anbari and Yacoub might all have scored in a four-minute flourish just before half time and a quarter of an hour into the second half Faisal equalised, side-stepping two tackles to smash home a 28-yard shot which left Hruska in goal almost motionless.

### N. Ireland 0 Yugoslavia 0

**C**HESSEBOARD soccer fought out in a gruelling temperature that had nudged 100 degrees all day produced frustration for Northern Ireland.

Yugoslav's attacking strategy lacked

the power and variety to break down the defensive barrier that Birgham slung across La Romareda stadium in the sweltering heat.

The Yugoslavs created more chances but failed to seriously trouble Pat Jennings.

Miljanovic brought Manchester United defender Nicky Jovanovic back into his side and he made several dangerous surges from defence.

But the Irish—who included Norman Whiteside, at 17 the youngest player to appear in the World Cup Finals—had little scope against a cautious defence.

Both sides fought in vain and in pain for the goal that would give either an enormous boost in the battle to qualify.

## June 18

### Argentina 4 Hungary 1

**D**IEGO MARADONA dished up a double dose of pride.

The young man, labouring under the awesome burden of being labelled the world's most brilliant and exciting footballer, made it all happen for himself and his beleaguered country.

In just half-an-hour under the evening sun at Alicante, the 21-year-old achieved three enormous targets—in their second Group Three game.

Maradona went into the match against a team that had set a World Cup Finals record with the 10-1 win over El Salvador, with his own personal prestige at a low ebb following Argentina's 1-0 defeat by Belgium.

But it took the brilliance of Hungarian keeper Ferenc Meszaros to stop the Maradona-prompted non-stop Argentine pressure being turned into goals.

But Boy Wonder Maradona would not be denied. In the 20th minute, Daniel Passarella hit a tree-kick deep into the



Hungarian penalty area and it was Maradona who headed the ball on for Daniel Bertoni to steer home.

Two minutes later, Maradona made it 2-0 when Bertoni's shot was only half-saved by Meszérás and Maradona pounced to push the rebound into the net.

Argentina continued to press after the break and, inevitably, it was Maradona who got the third goal in the 50th minute with a sizzling drive.

Four minutes later, the figure of Oszkó Ardiles so familiar to English football fans got into the act with his country's fourth before Gabor Poloskai pulled one back for Hungary in the 86th minute.

### Italy 1 Peru 1

PERU snatched a draw after a stirring second-half performance against Italy in their World Cup Group I match in Vigo.

The Peruvians, who fell behind when Bruno Conti scored in the 22nd minute, exerted unrelenting pressure after the interval, and six minutes from the end their captain Toribio Diaz fired in the equaliser.

But just when it seemed they had weathered the storm, Peru snatched the equaliser.

Taofilo Cubillas skimmed his free kick square in front of goal instead of toeing up a shot for Juan Carlos Oblitas and Diaz raced forward to drive in his shot.

Dino Zoff had the ball covered but it took a cruel deflection off Conti and the Italian captain could only watch the ball hurtle past him.

Their goal came from a neat build-up on the left Giancarlo Antognoni, enjoying another impressive game, released a square pass to Conti and his rising shot fleshed into the top of the net.

### Brazil 4 Scotland 1

SCOTLAND were the latest victims of the extraordinary refereeing in this World Cup.

Leading with a superb goal from full back David Narey, they could only throw up their arms in disgust over a free kick which brought the equaliser. Costa Rican referee Luis Calderon, awarded a direct kick just outside the area which was never more than indirect—and Zico rammed it home. From then on, Brazil were right on top.

When Brazil went in front through defender Oscar just after half time there could be little doubt about the result and soon Eder caught Rough off his line with a brilliant chip for the third.

For 15 minutes Brazil attacked flat out, Cerezo, Eder, Zico and Socrates all went close.

Suddenly, after 18 minutes, Scotland went in front with a peach of a goal.

Souness hit one of the best passes of the competition to John Wark, he touched the ball square and there was David Narey galloping in to sidestep one man and rifle the ball into the top right hand corner.

Then came the equaliser just after the half hour. Cerezo, pushing through from midfield, went for a return pass, missed it, carried on running and collided with Hartford.

If anyone was to blame it was Cerezo but the referee made it a direct free kick to Brazil and Zico superbly curled the ball under the bar.

Five minutes into the second half Brazil were in front.

Hansen sliced the clearance high over his own bar, left back Junior took the corner and centre back Oscar was there on the near post to ram the ball home.

Falcão made it four for Brazil in the final five minutes.

### June 19

### Belgium 1 El Salvador 0

LUDO Coeck blasted a 40-yard goal that gave Belgium a 1-0 Group III victory over El Salvador and virtually cemented the Europeans' place in the second phase of the World Cup finals.

Francois Van Der Elst, the former New York Cosmos midfielder who now plays for England's West Ham United, came off the bench after the half to help cement his team's efforts.

Coeck's game-winning attempt in the 18th minute came off a free kick, after Salvadoran Francisco Joval was booked by referee Malcolm Maffatt of Northern Ireland.

### Poland 0 Cameroon 0

CAMEROON skipper and goalkeeper Thomas N'Kono was the star of this Group One clash in which Poland can count themselves lucky to grab a point in a goalless draw.

He pulled off a string of smart saves to spur his side who ran the Polish ragged in the second-half but failed to capitalise on smooth approach work.

Poland attacked from the start but even the skilled Boniek got little change out of a resolute Cameroon defence.

### USSR 3 N. Zealand 0

THE Soviet Union shrugged off the disappointment of losing narrowly to Brazil in their opening game with a convincing 3-0 victory over New Zealand in a World Cup VI match.

Goals from Yuri Gavrilov, Blikhin and Sergai Baltache in the 23rd, 48th and 68th minutes sealed the Kiwi fate.

## Pele—he is for real

EDSON Arantes De Nascimento—known outside the family circle as Pele—could be the only man to become a millionaire during the World Cup finals.

The great man, arguably the most complete footballer the world is ever likely to see, is now 44.

But the legend lives on and he will earn a reported one million dollars during the finals by commenting on the World Cup games for Mexican television and writing a syndicated newspaper column.

Despite the presence of Zico and Socrates, a hush falls over the Brazilian camp every time Pele bestows a royal visit.

Players and fans alike queue up to shake hands, almost as if a mere touch will convince them that Pele is for real.

A meeting with Pele is no let-down for his devotees. He will talk football with anyone who cares to listen.

The years have been as kind to Pele as he was ruthless with the defence in the past and physically he looks as if he could win the World Cup single-handed.

But there is certain sadness in his voice when he admits "Watching Brazil is terrible. I shake inside knowing that there is nothing I can do to help."



Brazil's Socrates (not in pic) nets the equaliser past the diving Soviet keeper Dasaev. Brazil won 2-1

## GOALKEEPERS

# They've got to be different

### Argie's Fillo

**I**N the case of Ubaldo Fillol of Argentina, one such piece of concentrated action had millions of his countrymen screaming their acclaim.

It happened during Argentina's second round match against Poland in the 1978 World Cup. Argentina knew they must win if they and not their arch rivals Brazil were to go through to the final. Kempes back defending for once handled and conceded a penalty to be taken by the vastly experienced Kazimierz Deyna in his hundredth international.

Fillol was at that moment the most important man in the whole of Argentina. Deyna ran in and shot to Fillol's left in an explosive arc of movement the goalkeeper leaped across to smother the ball and the nation breathed again.

Sometimes you get a sixth sense before a kick, says Fillol, but this time I just guessed. I knew lots about Deyna as a player, nothing about the way he took penalties. I just prayed to God and dived.

By the time the tournament was over and Fillol and his colleagues had been crowned as champions, he also found himself described as the finest goalkeeper in the world.

Little has happened since to change that opinion. He has been voted Argentine Footballer of the Year and won First Division titles with his River Plate club although at the age of thirty one he has hinted that he may retire after the 1982 World Cup because of the pressures of fame.

Nobody could have predicted the life of a smart celebrated international superstar for the husky little boy helping out in cafe kitchens so that his parents could make ends meet. Fillol was born on 21 July 1950 in Monte, a back of beyond township some thirty miles from Buenos Aires which offers inhabitants nothing except the incentive to get away.

Eventually his enthusiasm impressed Quilmes, a senior club on the fringes of

Goalkeepers are the odd men out, a different breed whose split second brilliance can turn them into national heroes, and whose floating carelessness can lose a World Cup.

To be a great goalkeeper you need to be a little crazy, you need the blind courage to flail yourself headlong at the feet of charging forwards. You need the reflexes of a quail-fighter and the agility of a gymnast.

The World Cup is the four yearly show-off for goalkeepers. More than any other player, they establish a classification in the mind of the experts which lasts until the next tournament.

So it was in 1970 that Gordon Banks, astonishing back breaking save from Pele's header linked him best of them all. In 1974 Sweden's Ronald Hellstrom became the international sensation and in 1978 the mantle was passed to Argentina's Ubaldo Fillol.

For the man in goal, says Banks, there is nowhere to hide. It can be the most joyful place in the world or the most lonely. It depends on what he is offered when he is a goalkeeper.

He has a lot of pressure on him, says Banks, but he likes it. The goalkeeper has a unique role with the experience of a footballer, the physique of a boxer and the work within the team which is that of a support player. It is a unique role.

Buenos Aires. They gave him a game in the fifth team where his predecessor had been a veteran known as Pato Iglesias. Pato means duck and the supporters had become so used to the nickname that they simply transferred the title to Fillol.

He has been Pato Fillol ever since. But he didn't stay long in the fifth team, he made his debut in the senior side at seventeen and spent his win bonos on his first suit.

Three years later Racing stepped in to buy him. I couldn't believe it, I thought I'd go out of my mind. Racing! Even going there to be a reserve would be like becoming a star. Such modest sentiments did not last long.

Quickly established in the first team in succession to that great veteran Amadeo Carrizo who had played twenty seasons for the club, Fillol began to assert his growing sense of importance.

First he refused to play on a club tour of Spain, claiming he was tired. Then he turned down a call up to the Argentine national squad because manager Cesar Menotti could not guarantee him a place in the team.

Menotti replied that until Fillol's attitude changed he wouldn't be bothering him again. And for three years until 1977 the situation remained deadlocked.

Then, as Menotti began his preparations for the next year's World Cup, his first choice goalkeeper Hugo Gatti was hit by knee trouble. The time had come for a move.

Fillol responded magnificently to the challenge, accepting the three month monastic seclusion Menotti imposed on his squad without complaint, even though his wife Olga was expecting their first baby. (On arrival she was named Nadia after Rumanian gymnast Nadia Comaneci).

After a shaky start in the opening rounds of the World Cup, Fillol soon seemed totally assured. The penalty save brought him the country's adoration. Saves from Holland's Rep and Rensenbrink earned victory in the final.

Along with the £13,000 win bonus and a new car came a shower of offers from foreign clubs. But Fillol was adamant that he wanted to stay with River Plate. I'm happy here, he said. I'm not particularly bothered about earning more and I want my daughter brought up in Argentina.

His philosophy towards his profession remains simple. You can do what you want. Grow your hair long, cut it all off. You can behave as if you're ice cool or make out you're half crazy. The only thing you can't do is make a mistake.

Goalkeepers are always on their own, like boxers. When a commentator says a forward is on his own with only the goalkeeper to beat, he's wrong. It's the goalkeeper who's on his own. He's the last wall. The one who stands between defeat and victory.

### Italy's Dino Zoff

**D**INO ZOFF of Italy has lived with that stark reality for a long time. Aged forty at the time of the 1982 World Cup, he was still standing between the Italian goal posts as calm and reassuring as ever. To picture anyone else in his position is almost unthinkable as he cheats the passage of time season after

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season in his bid to become the first Italian to gain 100 international caps

Zoff treats his profession with utter dedication. A strict diet, ruthless daily work outs and hours of extra practice keep him at the top. His hero is Lev Yashin, the great Russian who played into his forties. There is no reason why I should not do the same, says Zoff. As with so many things, much of goalkeeping is in the mind.

Critics claim Zoff is now suspect with the long range shot. In the 1978 World Cup final, when he had the distinction of captaining his country, Zoff was beaten from twenty five yards by Brandts and Haan during the 2-1 defeat by Holland and by Nelinho in the third place defeat by Brazil.

Not unnaturally, he dispute the charge. From September 1972 until June 1974, he set an international record by going unbeaten for 1143 minutes, a run ended remarkably by the Haitian forward Emmanuel Sanon in the 1974 World Cup.

Italy opponents during that period included England twice, Brazil, Sweden and West Germany, a team boasting Gerd Muller, Wolfgang Overath, Gunter Netzer, Uli Hoessgen and Jupp Heynckes. Zoff has proved just as reliable in the League. After his £500,000 transfer to Juventus from Napoli in 1972, he kept a clean sheet for 903 minutes.

## Marvellous

Zoff's career has been a triumph. He has won the European Championship medal in 1968, the Italian footballer of the year, the replayed final of the Home and Away Cup, winner medal in 1977 (when Juventus beat Bilbao) and has won the League five times in eight years.

Yet he needed to keep his powers of determination and concentration to get to the top. A fledgling keeper, but of great talent, he was turned down by several small clubs. Juventus were the first to take him, a mistake that cost them £500,000 to rectify.

Modazza turned him down. By Donda. Then years later, when we met by chance, he asked me how the young goalkeeper had got on. I had the satisfaction of telling him that it was the same Dino Zoff who made his debut for Italy a fortnight ago.

Between the ages of sixteen and eighteen, Zoff suddenly shot up to six foot and was taken on by Udinese. He made his First Division debut at the age of twenty and later that season had a second, curious, meeting with his future club Juventus. As the teams took the pitch, Zoff was ordered by the referee to change his black jersey because it clashed with Juventus's black and white stripes.

By now Zoff was deep into the study of acrobatics and his increasingly spectacular performances brought transfers to Mantova, then to Napoli and in 1968, his first cap. Surprisingly,

he was left out of the 1970 World Cup in favour of Enrico Albertosi.

Since then he has been a dominant personality in Italian soccer. Zoff lands UEFA Cup and a newspaper headline after Juventus European success in 1977. Not many goalkeepers can point to that kind of tribute.

## England's Shilton

ENGLAND'S Peter Shilton is another goalkeeper whose lack of inches troubled him in his almost obsessive desire to reach the top. As a boy, Shilton would hang from the banisters of his family home while his mother strapped weights to his ankles. It's a hard way to grow, but as he dangled there he would tell himself: One day I'm going to be the best in the world.

You couldn't have a more pointed example of what dedication means. Yet his story is tinged with sadness. The boy who so desperately wanted to be the best, and is considered by many to be so, has so far turned out to be the nearly man, overlooked by his country during his first years in favour of that other brilliant English goalkeeper, Ray Clemence.

Part of the reason has been the presence of so many of Clemence. Liverpool, colloquially in the England

team - the theory being that it's better to play men who operate together week in and week out than to introduce outside elements into internationals. Whatever the thinking behind it, the fact remains that Shilton, hailed as a boy wonder when he burst on to the English League scene at the age of sixteen, lags well behind Clemence in caps.

At club level though, he has enjoyed outstanding success, becoming the first £1,000 a week footballer in England with Nottingham Forest and helping them to the League Championship, two European Cups and two League Cups. Nottingham Forest boss Brian Clough is characteristically scathing about Shilton's lack of international recognition. He's simply the best in the world, says the shrewd Clough. How a manager can pick any goalkeeper ahead of him is totally beyond me.

It is a fitting tribute to the sacrifices made by Shilton and his parents during those vital formative years. Says Shilton: At one stage we lived over my parents' grocery shop, but there was a pub nearby and the noise at closing time used to wake me up. So we moved to a quieter house, was still a schoolboy, but I was training two nights a week and needed undisturbed sleep.

Shilton, born in Leicester on 18 September 1949, had decided by the age of ten what he wanted to be when he grew up. So he duly arrived on the



Peter Shilton, who is considered by some to be the best goalkeeper in the world

doorstep of Leicester's third team coach George Dewis and asked for a trial. Says Shilton: 'A lot of people believe Gordon Banks was my great tutor, and of course he did help me eventually.'

But it was George who taught me how to be a goalkeeper. He spent five years training me for an hour and a half every Tuesday and Thursday. He taught me how to get up for high balls, quick reactions, the lot. He gave me the real basis of the job. The three people I owe the most to in my career are my mother, my father, and George Dewis.

Shilton was drafted into the Leicester first team squad as understudy to the great Benks, and on 4 May 1966, at the age of sixteen years and 288 days, he made his League debut in a 3-0 win over Everton. A year later, manager Matt Gillies was so confident of Shilton's ability that Banks was sold to Stoke.

Shilton quickly proved a perfectionist. After each game he would write a report on his performance, illustrating his errors with diagrams. Then, in training, he'd nag his team mates into recreating the situations until his handling, judgement and angles were secure. By the time he was nineteen, Shilton was being compared to the late Frank Swift, and a queue of big clubs like Arsenal and Liverpool were making enquiries.

A succession of managers, from Matt Gillies and Frank O'Farrell to Jimmy Bloomfield, found themselves at loggerheads with Shilton, who was seeking either a more fashionable club or a vastly improved contract. It was a dispute destined to rumble on until 1974, when Shilton surprisingly moved to equally unfashionable Stoke to replace Benks, victim of a car crash which had cost him an eye and his England place.

The fee was £340,000, a League record for a goalkeeper. Overnight Shilton had become Britain's first £20,000-a-year footballer. 'I couldn't afford not to sign,' he said. 'They doubled my wage.'

Shilton became so dispirited at being named perpetual reserve by England boss Don Revie that, in May 1976, he walked out on the national squad on the eve of the home internationals. 'I've hardly had a look in for the past two years,' complained Shilton. 'Ray Clemence is a great bloke and we get on well. But it's hard to be a permanent reserve. If I were an outfield player, another place could always be found. But there's room for only one goalkeeper.'

The future looked even gloomier in the summer of 1977. Stoke were relegated even though, thanks to Shilton's presence, only six teams had better defensive records. But as Stoke went down, so Shilton stayed up. Clough, foiled in his attempt to sign 'the best goalkeeper in the world' during his spells at Derby and Leeds, now stepped in with the Nottingham Forest chequebook to land him for a knock-down £270,000. 'It's the bargain of the season,' said Clough.

And so it has turned out. It was Shilton's inspirational brilliance alone which enabled Forest to hang on to their

1-0 lead against Hamburg in the European Cup final in Madrid in 1980—and many who were present when Shilton produced four staggering saves to defy Czechoslovakia at Wembley November 1978 wonder how Ron Greenwood ever had the nerve to tell him he was 'picking Clemence for England's next game'.

## England's Clemence

**R**AY CLEMENCE had an unusual introduction to soccer. He was working as a deckchair attendant at the Lincolnshire holiday resort of Skegness when Scunthorpe United offered him the chance to swap his white coat for a green goalkeeper's jersey. It was the start of the one of the most outstanding British careers of the seventies, winning for Clemence more international caps than any other England goalkeeper apart from Gordon Banks.

After two seasons without a look in, he was set for a showdown with manager Bill Shankly when Liverpool suffered the ignominy of an FA Cup defeat by Watford. The long-serving Tommy Lawrence was dropped, never to return, and Clemence was in.

With Clemence in goal, Liverpool have swept up honours at home and abroad to stamp themselves the greatest British club of all time. In the past decade, they have won the League Championship four times, the FA Cup once, the UEFA Cup twice, and the European Cup three times.

Clemence's greatest gift, apart from his reflexes, anticipation and courage, is his consistency. His mistakes have become so rare they are remembered long after his string of magnificent

saves. He is the type of goalkeeper who is taken for granted. He makes the job appear so simple that it is only when he has pulled off something truly breathtaking that the average fan realizes just how good he is.

Unassuming off the field, Clemence is one of the noisiest on it, bossing his defence around like a sergeant major. 'I used to finish the match with a headache sometimes,' says former Liverpool skipper Emlyn Hughes, 'and I wasn't sure if it was caused by 50,000 people screaming on the Kop or Ray yelling in my ear.'

Clemence is also one of the fastest keepers in the game, brilliant in the one-to-one situation when a striker has broken clear and is bearing down on him. He is off his line like lightning, knowing precisely when to set off and when to spread himself at the forward's feet.

At the end of the 1980-81 season, Clemence, thirty-three, decided it was time for a change and at his own request, was sold to Tottenham for £350,000. 'The contrast between playing with Liverpool's watertight cover and Tottenham's more open, adventurous approach caused Clemence problems at first.'

He made a poor start, being badly at fault with one of the Aston Villa goals in the Charity Shield match at Wembley and conceding twelve others in the first six League games. There was criticism too, of his performance in England's abysmal World Cup defeat by Norway just three months after he had captained them against Brazil at Wembley. But his belief in himself was undiminished. 'I've got the experience and desire to play till I'm forty,' he said.

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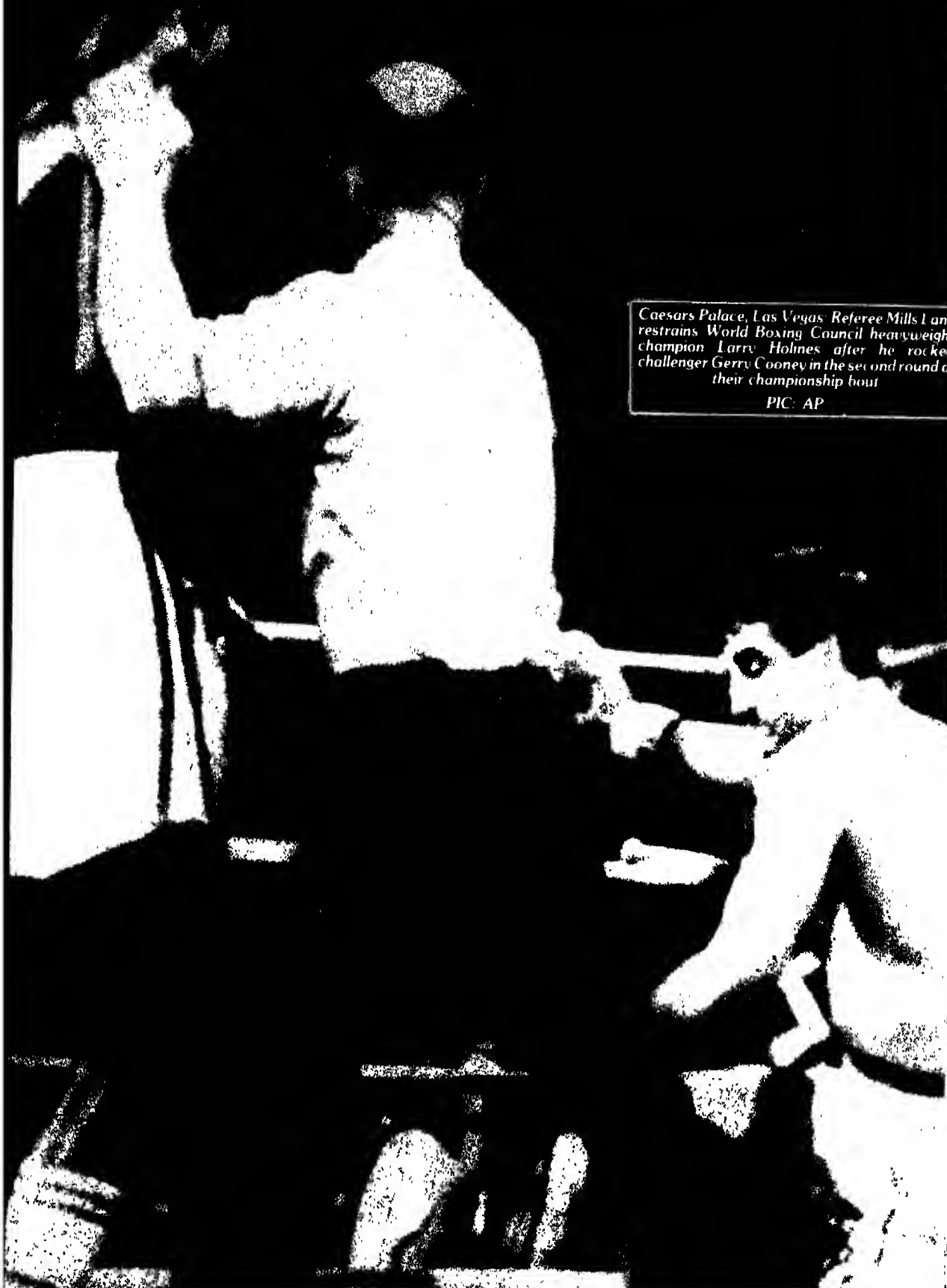
*Ray Clemence...from a deck-chair attendant at a holiday resort to the most outstanding soccer career in British history*



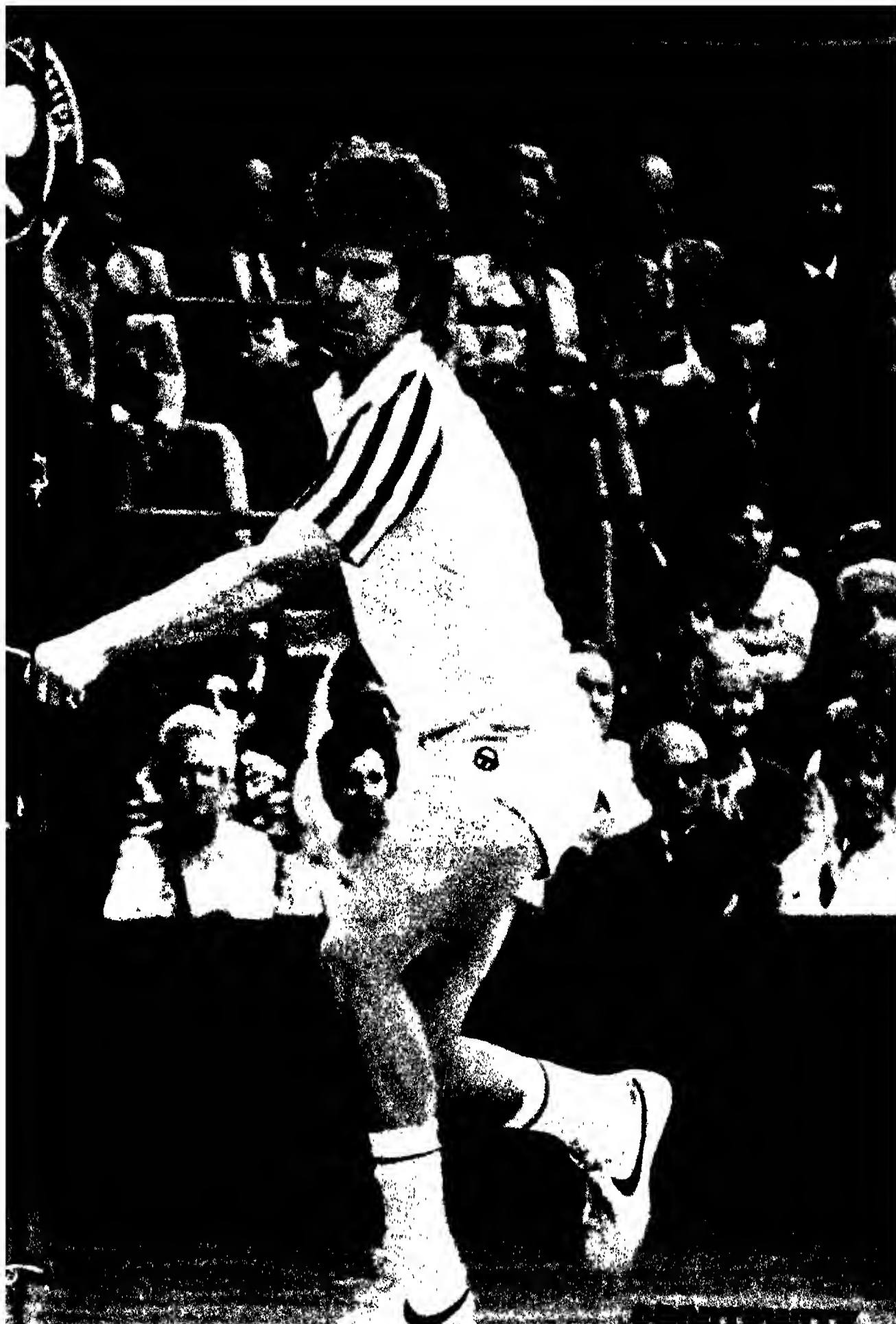
# SPORTSWEEK

Caesars Palace, Las Vegas: Referee Mills Lane restrains World Boxing Council heavyweight champion Larry Holmes after he rocked challenger Gerry Cooney in the second round of their championship bout.

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# SPORTSWEEK

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Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, the West Germany soccer captain who scored his side's only goal against Algeria in the World Cup at Gijon, Spain. Algeria, however, registered a shocking 2-1 victory over Germany

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# Big Three disappoint

**J**UDGING by the way the big three are playing, it seems that they are under a spell of panting at the moment

It is true all the three teams, particularly Mohan Bagan and East Bengal are handicapped to a great extent this season and it is also true that quality football is not always possible under adverse climatic conditions but then minimum basic standard should be there and the only thing one can say is that it has not been maintained

Mohun Bagan began the week with a 1-0 win against Eastern Railway but the aspiration of the sell-out crowd remained unfulfilled as the two teams involved themselves in a dull and boring encounter

Even the goal itself which ensured the two points for the popular team seemed to be a fluke one as Saroj Guria made a mess with a cross from Ulaganathan and the unguarded Denis Williamson found little trouble to shoot in

This was just a minute after the breather and long before that, in the fifth minute of the first half to be precise, the Railways could have forged ahead but for Shibaji Banerjee's fisting the ball away off a powerful drive from Robin Mondal

Surajit Sen Gupta and Subrata Bhattacharya came back into the side against Aikya Sammilani—they could not play against Eastern Railway on

account of injury—and naturally it was expected that Mohun Bagan would give a better account of themselves this time

But the exercise proved to be futile once again and it was through a snap goal from Amitava Mukherjee that Mohun Bagan could go into the lead four minutes from half time

In the second half, however, the weather gods had the last laugh and a severe thunderstorm followed by heavy downpour brought the game to a halt ten minutes from close. According to the rules, it has got to be replayed

The only silver lining of the abandoned match was a brilliant forward pass from Surajit Sengupta early in the first half but it could not fetch Mohun Bagan a goal as Tapas Ghosh, the Aikya custodian, beat Shyam Thapa in the race for the ball

There being no co-ordination in the three departments, East Bengal failed to

perform well against Railway Football Club but still they were worth more than the lone goal they had scored on this day through Kartick Sett.

Midway in the second half, Biswajit Bose, the left full back, raced upfield and hit a long pass and Sett who was the most active in the forward line, found the target with a rising shot. A good looking goal indeed Alamgir who looked baffled was, however, responsible for making a couple of saves and keeping the score down to the minimum

The deep defence of East Bengal played well on this day but the half backs, Amalraj and Mihir Bose, as well as the wingers Tapan Das and Arun Nath failed miserably

In the previous week, Mohammedan Sporting looked like the most impressive team amongst the big three but during the week under review they could do no better than either East Bengal or Mohun Bagan



A beautiful mid-air shot by Shyam Thapa which unfortunately did not fetch him a goal



Bagan's Thapa it is again who is beaten by Eastern Railway's goalkeeper. Mohun Bagan won by a solitary goal





*Jamshed Nassiri heads in the first of the two Mohd. Sporting goals against B.N. Railway*

Against Behala Youth for instance, they were not only extended to the full but were actually given a fright and a few eyebrows would have been raised if the reigning champions had dropped their first point of the season.

The match, however, was not exactly

a dull one with the Behala Youth boys going for the ball all the time and thus forcing their formidable opponents to keep up the pace.

Goals, however, were hard to come by and besides the one Mohammedans

had scored on this day, four sitters were missed.

The lone goal came shortly after half time when Jamshed Nassiri hit the target with a rising shot. Behala defenders must have thought that Nassiri would be pulled up for offside.



*B.N.R.'s custodian Amar Singh comes out in time to collect the ball before Jamshed (centre) can cause harm*

and naturally they did not make any effort to tackle him.

Mohammedan Sporting again gave a poor show against Sonali Sibir but at least the margin of victory was a shade better this time (2-0).

Even though he does not reveal all the time, Majeed Bhaskar does a thing or two whenever he plays and the match against Sonali Sibir was no exception as Majeed paved the way for Sankar Adhikari to score the first goal in the 10th minute after the breather.

The goal inspired the home team and they pressed hard thereafter. However, it was not before the last minute that they got the second one. Musheer Ahmed moved up deep into the Sonali half and laid a square pass for Debashish Roy and the winger did not make any mistake.

**DEBABRATA CHOWDHURY**



*Railway F.C. custodian Alamgir leaps high to push the ball away from East Bengal's Sarkar*



*In a match which Bagan won 1-0, Krishnendu Roy shows off heavy opposition to score against Aikya Samantani*



*Mid-air duel: Jamshed Nassiri leaps higher than his opponents to head the ball towards the Sibir goal*



*Arup Das (left) of East Bengal sees his shot go wide off the mark although Railway Football Club's goalkeeper attempts a gallant save*



East Bengal's Arup Das' header floats over the Railway F C bar East Bengal won by a lone-goal  
Pics Santosh Ghosh

## Their resolutions are baseless!

**L**IKE most of our federations the All India Football Federation also make pious resolutions about building up a strong base from the grassroots level. But rarely is action consistent with these resolutions.

Take for instance the conduct of the Sub junior National Football Tournament for the Justice Mir Iqbal Hussain Cup. As in many other games the age limit is observed as much, if not more, in the breach. And this is not a phenomenon that has grown in the six years the tournament has been staged. It has been present from the inaugural year when Manipal shared the title with Bengal despite playing the entire series with only the seven who had been passed as eligible. Doubts have been cast on most teams for including players above 15 with allegations that some of them would find it difficult to even pass the eligibility for the junior nationals for lads under 19!

It is of little use to draw up norms and medical tests which reportedly are manipulated to ensure that the teams are not disqualified for having more than four lads over the age limit of 15. It is for the state associations and the AIFF to realise that the malpractices only defeat the purpose of the tournament. But these bodies are more keen on the prestige attached to the winning of the trophy.

The AIFF may plead helplessness when state teams come with certificates and other documents to maintain the boys are under the age limit. One is not inclined to believe the AIFF cannot be more strict in making sure the trophy which bears the name of a justice is contested more fairly.

The AIFF also have to look to some other aspects of the Sub junior National. Especially the refereeing. The tie-breaker to decide the 1981 semifinal between Kerala and Bengal was gone through in contravention of all directions issued by the International Board. There were at least a couple of hundred

spectators not merely on the field of play but inside the penalty area in which the kicks from the penalty spot were being taken. One of the invaders to have a better view was one of the high ranking officials of the AIFF. This took place in Madras, the base of the chairman of the AIFF Referees Board.

Fortunately nothing like this happened at the last Sub junior National at Calicut in April. But there were other disquieting factors. One of them was the shortage of referees for the event. The problem was that with Kerala being one of the teams involved the referees from the host state were virtually excluded from supervision of the matches. As there were few invitees for the Sub junior National the organisers were hard put to get referees to conduct the matches.

I suggested at an informal meeting of the referees that the problem which is likely to crop up in subsequent years as well could be resolved with the AIFF laying down that participating states send with their contingent at least one referee who may or may not be retained after the exit of his team. This provision on retention will make it possible to avoid unnecessary expenses on a referee who is either below par or cannot be used for some other reason.

Such a step will be beneficial in the long run. For these referees could also be made to attend the clinics the referees instructor would be holding during the Federation Cup that is run concurrently with the Sub junior National. They will also gain from observing senior referees in action in the Federation Cup. The system will also help build up a cadre of referees who can gain promotion to supervising matches in the Junior National and later to the Senior Nationals.

There is need to have one more classification of referees between the state class one and the national class. An intermediate class to be known as

zonal referees (North East Central West and South) would not only make for graded promotion but also for providing referees with greater experience before being pitchforked into the national class and the FIFA list. The system will also give scope for greater incentives for referees of state class who have not yet made the national class or having made the national class in theory to get practical experience in national events.

At Calicut during the last Sub junior National referees who had been invited for the Federation Cup were persuaded to handle games. Some who did were also given games in the Federation Cup. Which was lucky for them for the schedule of matches in the two events did not put them out of the Federation Cup.

But three of the four Kerala referees were not so fortunate. Unlike Jamaluddin, neither Wilfred nor Rayan nor V S Mani were entrusted with the supervision from the middle of any game in the month long Federation Cup tournament. All four were in the panel that functioned in the National Championship at Trichur in January. And of them Mani controlled the fast paced Kairata Bihari quarter final league match extremely well. So too did Rayan the Railways Uttar Pradesh group match.

Evidently the evaluators of the referees—AIFF Referees Board secretary and Asian Football Confederation trained referees instructor Simplicio D Silva was in charge of assessment and post mortems at Trichur—were also impressed enough to include the four from Kerala in the panel for the Calicut Federation Cup. Yet AFC referees instructor and former FIFA referee Alex Vaz did not entrust either Mani or Rayan with a game. Maybe there is nothing to read behind the sidetracking of the two. But surely this is no way to encourage referees who prove worthy of trust.

SW Correspondent

# At the court of the Wimbledon dictators

**"I** SAW quite a lot of his father and mother in Paris. They were trying very hard on behalf of young John to improve on the situation last year."

A headmaster discussing an errant pupil?

No, it was Sir Brian Burnett, Britain's top tennis official, talking about the current Wimbledon champion John McEnroe.

His unconscious condescension sums up the official Wimbledon attitude which "young John" and his fellow professionals complain is so out of touch.

This year the organisers have provided a few more sops for the players, but their attitude to them hasn't changed.

So the rows which flare every year between players and officials seem certain to occur this year too.

Many top players are highly critical of Wimbledon officials.

American ace Jimmy Connors said sadly "The official attitude is that Wimbledon is bigger than the players."

"Without the players they wouldn't have a tournament. I just hope Wimbledon tries to keep up with the game."

Vitas Gerulaitis was even more outspoken. "We provide the entertainment and we get a bad deal," he said.

Eliot Teltscher, another American, admitted, "I just don't have the temperament to put up with the officials."

"They make you want to punch them on the nose."

## Tightening

The authorities hope to change bad behaviour on court by tightening the penalty points system.

But who will do anything about the officials?

Sir Brian leads a team of faceless mostly old men from the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club.

With the help of delegates from the Lawn Tennis Association they run the championships—but the club members are always in the majority.

They belong to an exclusive band, for the club has just 375 full members, mostly from the Services and distinguished families.

It has been described as "the last bastion of privilege in Britain."

Sir Brian's committee—running the

world's top tennis tournament—is responsible solely to the club members.

It is a dictatorship, a junta.

Power is concentrated in a few hands: the four key figures at Wimbledon are all in their 60s.

They are Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian Burnett, 69, Air Vice-Marshal Ted Frith, 63, Richard Anthony Appleby Holt, 62, and the referee—a man of different class but equally imperious—Fred Hoyles, 62.

Sir Brian is the supremo. Educated at Charterhouse and Wadham College, Oxford, he had a brilliant career in the Services.

He won the RAF tennis and squash championships 35 years ago—but is he in touch with the superstars of the 'eighties?

"There is some criticism that I don't talk to the players enough," he admitted. "But I have to look after 80 guests in the Royal Box every day—including royalty on nine of the 12 days—and I just can't get away enough."

Air Vice-Marshal Frith chairs several Wimbledon sub-committees. An old boy at Haberdasher's Aske school, he, too enjoyed a successful RAF career and played tennis for the Services and for Kent.

He said "We have the right environment here, and enough space with the new competitors' complex. All we need is more rapport with the players."

So the committee has appointed a liaison officer: Ted Tining, former tennis star and dress designer, now aged 72.

Richard "Bimby" Holt is the other key Wimbledon figure controlling the ground, finance and Press facilities. Educated at Harrow and King's College, Cambridge, he went into publishing, becoming chairman of the Hutchinson group, and was also a senior partner in a law firm.

He achieved some notoriety two years ago when the Sunday Times revealed how he drew up a will for an 84-year-old widow by which he collected most of her £1 million estate.

He resigned from the law firms and retired from Hutchinsons—but his membership of the All England Club and the MCC remained unaffected.

Referee Fred Hoyles cannot avoid the limelight, for he is called onto court whenever a rumpus gets too much for the umpire.

He had the distinction of being called a "shit" by McEnroe last year; a piece of

daring as well as cheek for Hoyles's brisk manner, receding hair and old blazer give him the air of a headmaster rather than the Lincolnshire farmer he is.

"When I am called onto court to settle a dispute," he said, "I try to make the player understand that human error is inevitable and he should forget it and get on with the game."

The advice is difficult to take when thousands of pounds are at stake.

## Worried

Behind the seats of power is Chris Gorringe, the club secretary. A sparse, worried looking man, he is nearly half the age of his leaders.

He commented: "A small number of players have publicly aired criticisms of Wimbledon, mainly. I think, because those individuals are more cassetted elsewhere."

But he added: "Relationships are not helped by the fact that the players are younger today but are earning fabulous sums of money."

He is, of course, right. The younger the players, the more tantrums.

At some overseas tournaments the players get free accommodation, are encouraged to take their problems to officials, get better practice facilities, and more free tickets.

This year, Wimbledon's dictators are providing more tickets and practice for the players. But they are hampered by the club's size and the need to preserve the grass.

With better liaison, the players will come to understand this. But will they ever understand the Wimbledon attitude?

Officials are proud of the new £3 million competitors' complex, but it is functional in the extreme, with green benches and plastic-topped tables.

In contrast, the club lounge and dining room have just been repainted in dignified and expensive old pine.

Members get more tickets for the championships than the players, yet the membership remains at £8.40 a year and all food and drink is served at cost price.

However spoilt the players may appear as they throw their tantrums, they will never be as spoilt as the members of the exclusive All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club.

# WIMBLEDON '82

## Jim's in fine form...

**JOHN MCENROE (U S )** Age 23 Top seeded and only fools—or maybe hopeful members of the All England club—would bet against his winning again

The most talented man in the field. He knows what it takes to win if his temper lets him do it

Form 1981 Won, beat Borg, 1980 Final, lost to Borg, 1979—Fourth Round, lost to Tim Gullikson 1978—First Round, lost to Van Dillen

**JIMMY CONNORS (U S )** Age 29 The absence of Borg and still burning ambition make him believe he can repeat his 1974 triumph

At Wimbledon has lost only to Borg or McEnroe in last five years so he is not just day-dreaming. Seeded No 2

Form 1981—Semifinal, lost to Borg, 1980—semifinal, lost to McEnroe, 1979—semifinal lost to Borg, 1978—lost, lost to Borg

**VITAS GERULAITIS (U S )** Age 27 Talented but brittle. No 3 seed

Gives the impression that frustration with linesmen and umpires, as much as his own mistakes, is his biggest handicap

Form 1981—Fourth round, lost to Borg; 1980—Fourth round, lost to Fibak, 1979—First round, lost to Dupre, 1978—Semifinal lost to Connors

**SANDY MAYER (U S )** Age 30 He is enjoying his best year for a long time and his confidence is high. If he copes with his hay fever problem and gets a couple of good early wins under his belt he will justify fourth seeding

Form 1981—Fourth round, lost to Tim Mayotte, 1980—First round lost to Stockton, 1979—Fourth round lost to Panatta, 1978—Quarter final, lost to Borg

**JOHAN KRIEK (S Africa)** Age 24 Probably the sharpest player on the circuit. Has a good serve and aggressive attitude and has proved he can test the best on any surface. Seeded No 5

Form 1981—Quarter-final, lost to McEnroe, 1980—Third round, lost to Fibak, 1979—Third round, lost to Connors, 1978—Second round, lost to Fibak

**GENE MAYER (U S )** Age 26 Unorthodox but consistent winner on the regular circuit with frustrating record of injury or illness in big events. Assets are tenacity and speed. Seeded No 6

Form: 1981—did not play, injured, 1980—Quarter-final, lost to Borg,

1979—Fourth round, lost to Okker, 1978—First round, lost to Warwick

**MATS WILANDER (Sweden)** Age 17 The pressure of winning the French title as an unseeded no-hoper but being No 7 ranked here will probably be too much for him to do well again, especially as he does not have much confidence on grass. But he qualified last year and survived until the third round

Form 1981—lost third round to Fitzgerald

**PETER McNAMARA (Australia)** Age 27 The eighth seed is one of the few top players who still believes tennis is to be enjoyed

His results show a steady upward trend and nobody will take his fitness or stamina less than very seriously. Watch him: he could be dangerous

Form 1981—Quarter-final, lost to Borg, 1980—First round, lost to Maher, 1979—Second round, lost to Tanner, 1978—Second round, lost to Borg

**ANDRES GOMEZ (Ecuador)** Age 22 The No 9 seed is a big, 6ft 5in, left hander with a booming serve which will prove deadly on grass. His form this year has been on a steady upward curve and recent triumph in the Italian championship has convinced him he has a good chance against anybody

Form 1980, lost first round to Austin

**YANNICK NOAH (France)** Age 22 An exciting player—but grass is not his favourite surface and he allows it to inhibit his shot making

He can do all the right things to succeed if he gets the confidence he normally shows back home in France. Seeded No 10

Form 1981—First round, lost to Fromm; 1980—Injured; 1979—Third round, lost to Dupre; 1978—Second round, lost to Okker

**BRIAN TEACHER (U S )** Age 28 Good, solid professional and one of the diminishing number who enjoys the challenge of grass court play.

Won the Australian Open two years ago and has the experience to make the most of his chances. Seeded 11th

Form 1981—Second round, lost to V. Amritraj; 1980—Third round, lost to Curren, 1979—Fourth round, lost to Borg, 1978—Second round lost to Gottfried.

**MARK EDMONDSON (Australia)** Age 27 Is seeded only 12th but has proved his grass court game by winning

Australian title in 1976 and three Grand Prix events on grass last year.

Says he feels in the right mood this year to improve disappointing Wimbledon record.

Form: 1981—Second round, lost to Buehning; 1980—First round, lost to Fibak; 1979—First round, lost to Amritraj, 1978—Second round, lost to Sandy Mayer.

**BRIAN GOTTFRIED (U S )** Age 30 A good, consistent professional whose dedication and stinging forehand volley have earned respect other players. Seeded 13.

Form 1981—Third round, lost to Teacher; 1980—Quarter-final, lost to Gerulaitis, 1979—Second round, lost to Bertram; 1978—Fourth round, lost to Borg

**ROSCOE TANNER (U S )** Age 30 Seeded only No 14. No longer the threat he was only a couple of years ago as business interests take more time than he can afford away from top competition. But he has the game to do well if he is mentally strong enough.

Form 1981—Second round, lost to Kirmayr; 1980—Quarter-final, lost to Connors, 1979—Final, lost to Borg; 1978—fourth round, lost to Nastase.

**BUSTER MOTTHAM (G B.)** Age 27. The lone British seed at 15 and is determined to make an impact after many disappointing Wimbledon. If only he fights with the same intensity as he does in Davis Cup matches he will be No 1 with the fans as well as the British ranking committee

Form, 1981—Second round, lost to Amaya; 1980—Second round, lost to Saviano, 1979—Second round, lost to McEnroe, 1978—Second round, lost to McMillan

**STEVE DENTON (U S )** Age 25. The 16th seed, a big man from Texas with a big, right handed serve to match. Has enjoyed most of his successes in doubles but his singles record is improving all the time and nobody will relish facing him on Wimbledon's grass.

Form 1981, lost first round to Simpson

**MARTINA NAVRATILOVA (U S.)** Age 25 Is seeded No 1 and has won twice so knows that it takes a clear head and total determination to succeed. Much better mentally than in the last couple of years and has a single minded approach that makes her a formidable contender

Form, 1981—Semifinal lost to Mandlikova; 1980—semifinal, lost to



# ...and so is Martina

Lloyd; 1979—beat Lloyd 1978—won, beat Lloyd.

**CHRIS LLOYD (U.S.)** Age 27  
Amazing Wimbledon record of three semifinals, seven finals and three wins in last ten years speaks for itself. A repeat of last year's success must be possible, especially as Chris is now pacing herself to peak for the big championships. Seeded No. 2.

Form: 1981—Won, beat Mandlikova, 1980—Final, lost to Cawley, 1979—Final, lost to Navratilova, 1978—Final, lost to Navratilova

**TRACY AUSTIN (U.S.)** Age 19.  
Probably the most competitive young lady on the circuit, who, despite being seeded third, will not be satisfied with anything less than the title. Injury and accidents have kept her out for much of the year—but increased her determination to get it right this time.

Form: 1981—Quarter-final, lost to Shriver; 1980—semifinal, lost to Cawley, 1979—semifinal, lost to Navratilova; 1978—semifinal, lost to Navratilova

**ANDREA JAEGER (U.S.)** Age 17.  
Has kept going after meteoric arrival on the big tennis scene two years ago. Able to live with the best on most surfaces—although inexperience on grass may be a handicap here. She will still frighten everybody in her half of the draw. Seeded fourth.

Form: 1981—Fourth round, lost to Jausovec, 1980—Quarter-final, lost to Lloyd, 1979 and 1978—Did not play.

**HANA MANDLIKOVÁ (Czechoslovakia)** Age 20. Extremely talented and exciting No. 5 seed. Her big failing is over-confidence and erratic play when the mood and concentration are not quite right.

Form: 1981—Final, lost to Lloyd; 1980—Fourth round, lost to Cawley; 1979—Fourth round, lost to King; 1978—Did not play.

**WENDY TURNBULL (Australia)** Age 29. Speedy, agile competitor who has earned sixth seeding by her consistency in major events. Has not played so much this year but recent success in mixed doubles in Paris with John Lloyd will have helped her confidence and she is likely to present a real threat in the second week.

Form: 1981—Quarter-final, lost to Mandlikova; 1980—Quarter-final, lost to Cawley; 1979—Quarter-final, lost to Lloyd, 1978—Fourth round, lost to Jausovec

**PAM SHRIVER (U.S.)** Age 19.  
Although seeded only seventh, has enormous potential and the sort of game that is suited to Wimbledon grass. She may not win—but is always good to watch and capable of bringing off all sorts of surprises.

Form: 1981—Semifinal, lost to Lloyd;

1980—Fourth round, lost to King; 1979—Second round, injured; 1978—Third round, lost to Barker.

**MIMA JAUSOVEC (Yugoslavia)** Age 25. The eighth seed and a force at most women's tournaments but is unlikely to threaten any of the established stars at Wimbledon.

Form: 1981—Quarter-finals, lost to Lloyd; 1980—Did not play, 1979—Second round, lost to Desfor, 1978—Quarter-final, lost to Wade.



*Martina Navratilova in happier circumstances. Will she recapture her lost glory?*

**SYLVIA HANIKA (W. Ger.)** Age 23.  
All-round sports girl who plays soccer, skis and drives rally cars. More useful on slower courts than on grass but brings typical German determination to everything she does. Seeded nine.

Form: 1981—First round, lost to Teeguarden, 1980—Second round, lost to Shriver; 1979—Third round, lost to Wade; 1970—Second round, lost to Newberry.

**BARBARA POTTER (U.S.)** Age 20.  
Fiery left-hander, the 10th seed has emerged as one of the more consistent winners on the women's circuit. Dedicated trainer, intense competitor and mentally very tough. Has the right game to do well and could be the surprise player of the tournament.

Form: 1981—Fourth round, lost to Austin; 1980—Third round, lost to

Austin; 1979—First round, lost to Hanika; 1978—Second round, lost to Vermaak

**BETTINA BUNGE (U.S.)** Age 19.  
Confusing background—born in Switzerland, former champion of Peru, lives in America, plays Federation Cup for Germany—but her tennis is straightforward and effective. Seeded 11th.

Form: 1981—Second round, lost to Barker; 1980—Third round, lost to Stevens, 1979—Second round, lost to K. Jordan, 1978—Did not play.

**BILLIE JEAN KING (U.S.)** Age 38.  
Knows more about winning at Wimbledon than any other player with 20 titles in all. Had retired to be TV commentator last year but competitive spirit has brought her back. Stamina, not strokes, will be decisive. Seeded 12th.

Form: 1981—Did not play, 1980—Quarter-final, lost to Navratilova, 1979—Quarter-final, lost to Austin, 1978—Quarter-final, lost to Lloyd.

**ANNE SMITH (U.S.)** Age 22. The 13th seed is maturing into one of the more dangerous players on the circuit. Has a better doubles than singles record—she won the doubles with Kathy Jordan two years ago—but consistent performances this year have done wonders for her confidence.

Form: 1981—Second round, lost to Mandlikova; 1980—Second round, lost to King, 1979—Second round, lost to Wikstedt, 1978—Did not play.

**ANDREA LEAND (U.S.)** Age 17.  
Sprang the surprise of last year's U.S. Open by putting out Andrea Jaeger and is seeded 14. Was to have taken up a place at university until the lure of tennis changed her mind. First visit to Wimbledon so don't expect anything spectacular.

Form: None

**VIRGINIA RUZICI (Rumania)** Age 27. Has splendid repertoire of flowing strokes but doubts about the 15th seed's ability to play on grass often seem to inhibit her at Wimbledon.

Form: 1981—Quarter-final, lost to Navratilova, 1980—Second round, lost to Russell; 1979—Fourth round, lost to Austin, 1978—Quarter final, lost to Cawley.

**EVONNE CAWLEY (Australia)** Age 30. Back in the fray after missing last year to have second child. Has the talent to do well again if the stamina is there and nobody will take her lightly, even though seeded only 16th.

Form: 1981—Did not play, 1980—Won, beat Lloyd; 1979—Semifinal, lost to Evert-Lloyd, 1978—Semifinal, lost to Navratilova.

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# McENROE

## A RAGE FOR PERFECTION

—By RICHARD EVANS in co-operation with JOHN McENROE—

**BEGINS TODAY**...e series of extracts from Sidgwick and Jackson's (London) latest release. The book is to be distributed in India by Rupa & Co., New Delhi

**T**HE invitation from Mr. Masumi Esaki, Chairman of the Seiko World Super Tennis Committee, was for cocktails and buffet in the Eminence Hall of the Keio Plaza Inter-Continental Hotel at 7.30 p.m. By the time Bjorn and Marianna Borg arrived some twenty minutes later the large banquet room in the hotel's South Tower was festooned with enough food to feed an army of Sumi wrestlers. Tennis players eat

almost as much however, and the thirty or so that were present went to work on the Tempura stall and the mounds of other delicacies piled high in the middle of the room with a vengeance.

Of course, thirty tennis players and a few wives don't fill a room that size. But Seiko executives and associates do. As usual in Japan, companies never fall short of producing bodies to round out an occasion such as this and as the Seiko World Super Tennis event—now the richest indoor tournament on the Volvo Grand Prix tour—was employing no less than 2000 people to make sure it worked like well, like a Seiko, there were more than enough bodies present to fill Eminence Hall. Not to mention the photographers.

A battery of flash bulbs had popped as Borg arrived but when John McEnroe walked in a few minutes later I thought the Japanese were staging their version of Guy Fawkes night two weeks early. There must have been at least thirty photographers blinding everyone within range as they clicked away, jostling around McEnroe as he tried to move across the room.

Over in a corner by one of the little food stalls that were being manned by enthusiastic Japanese cooks, Buster Mottram was observing the scene with a typically enquiring eye.

"It's amazing how quickly things change," Buster said. "There's Borg, a guy who has won five Wimbledons, and he's practically being ignored here tonight. Yet they are falling over McEnroe."

"That's the way the world is," retorted Paul McNamee, ever the realist, as he munched on a leg of Teriaki chicken.

In fact I think Buster was guilty of a little exaggeration although he did have a point.

Borg had received his fair share of attention as he and Marianna stood chatting to Rosemary and Tim Gullikson. But there was no doubt that McEnroe was the hot number as far as the press were concerned. When I took Hong Kong tournament director Ken Catton over to say hello we were immediately dazzled by the popping of flesh bulbs. As usual McEnroe was not comfortable in the artificial spotlight.

"If they don't stop soon, I'm getting out of here," he mumbled in my ear. "There are so many of them!"

In fact McEnroe stuck it out with relatively good humour and obliged the Seiko publicity office to the extent of shaking Borg's hand (for the first time, incidentally, since he did so across the net at Flushing Meadow) and breaking open a wooden casket of Sake in a traditional ceremony with his erch-rivel as the insatiable photographers clicked their way through a few more rolls of film.

There was to be more evidence of McEnroe's soaring world-wide fame as the week wore on—a week, by the way, which produced some of the most surprising results I had ever witnessed on the pro tour as well as a surprising attack by McEnroe on a fellow player.

But it all started quietly enough with McEnroe easing his way past John Sedri in a match that was a pale shadow of their great NCAA final three years before. After a brief stop-over in





Honolulu to play some golf with Pater Fleming. McEnroe had arrived in Tokyo early enough to accustom himself to the incredibly fast Supreme court that had been laid on boards covering the ice-rink at the vast Olympic Gymnasium

Although McEnroe enjoys fast surfaces—they suit him temperamentally as well as technically—he was the first to admit that this one was too fast for good spectator tennis. Under the circumstances Sadri might have been expected to give the No. 1 seed some trouble with a serve that has been rated as one of the most dangerous in the game in recent years. But Sadri was having trouble with his timing and rhythm on a delivery that was beginning to look a little muscle bound and he went down 6-2, 6-2.

T. Fukui, Japan's No. 1 ranked player, went one game better against McEnroe in the second round, proving himself a quick and agile net player as he parried some of the American's best returns during the course of an entertaining 6-3, 6-2 defeat that drew the occasional sigh of appreciation from a critical audience. McEnroe had to work hard at times but apparently still needed the fix of a verbal blast at someone to get the adrenalin pumping.

After demanding that a TV camera man be moved right at the beginning of the match, McEnroe soon turned his attention to the umpire. When the Japanese official refused to reply to his query over a line call, McEnroe looked over at Bill Gilmour, the Sydney referee who was acting as Grand Prix Supervisor at the Seiko, and called out sarcastically, "An umpire who doesn't speak English. Supervisor? Good choice."

That was just the opening skirmish in a series of confrontations that was to build into a mighty conflagration before the week was out. Even in this match McEnroe was not finished with Gilmour, a pleasant, experienced official who had started his tennis career, auspiciously enough, as Lew Hoad's doubles partner in junior tournaments before Lew found himself a little fellow called Ken Rosewall to play with. At the beginning of the second set, McEnroe queried another dubious call and, after getting no

satisfaction from the umpire, rounded angrily on Gilmour.

"You ought to be ashamed of yourself," he shouted. "Call yourself a former player? You never do anything for the players!"

Sitting next to me in the players' enclosure, Pat Dupre's lovely wife D'Arcy shook her head in amazement. "What's he doing that for?" she asked. "It looks so bad and it's so unnecessary."

D'Arcy was, of course, merely echoing the sentiments of millions who had watched this ugly ritual enacted in tennis arenas all over the world.

The quote I have used in verbatim so it can be seen that no swear words were used. By cutting out obscenity on all but the rarest occasions, John often escapes censure from officials who are slightly intimidated by him and would prefer to find an excuse to do nothing rather than force a showdown in the middle of a match. This, however, does not always mean that they refrain from fining him later which, in my opinion, is something of the coward's way out. I think Gilmour was guilty of this kind of reaction in this instance for he let the incident pass.

It is all a question of when to stamp down on McEnroe and when to allow him a little license to let off some of the steam that builds like a pressure cooker

inside him. Kurt Nielsen, the Dane who twice reached the Wimbledon singles final in the fifties and is the only other Grand Prix Supervisor with top-class playing experience, understands the way to handle McEnroe better than most.

"There is no point in picking on John for the small things like hitting a ball into the net in frustration," Nielsen told me when we discussed the problem during the Bangkok Tennis Classic a few weeks later. "That only makes him mad and he retaliates which, in some circumstances, I can understand. You should always wait until he does something really bad—something he knows is out of line. If you have been fair and reasonable with him up to then, he will react pretty well to admonishment. You will see the head go down in embarrassment as he realises he has gone too far. But it is a fine dividing line for an umpire or a Supervisor to detect and act upon in the heat of the moment."

The dividing line for leniency stops, in my opinion, the moment a player starts telling an official in public that he ought to be ashamed of himself. It is simply not the player's place to make that kind of comment. If Gilmour had made it plain he would not tolerate insolent back-chat right at the beginning, he might possibly have avoided the explosion that ultimately altered the whole outcome of the tournament.



**BEWITCHED...** The joy and ecstasy of being the World No. 1 is writ on John McEnroe's face as he stands captured in a frenzy of excitement during his greatest moment of glory after humbling five-times winner Bjorn Borg in the 1981 Wimbledon men's singles final.



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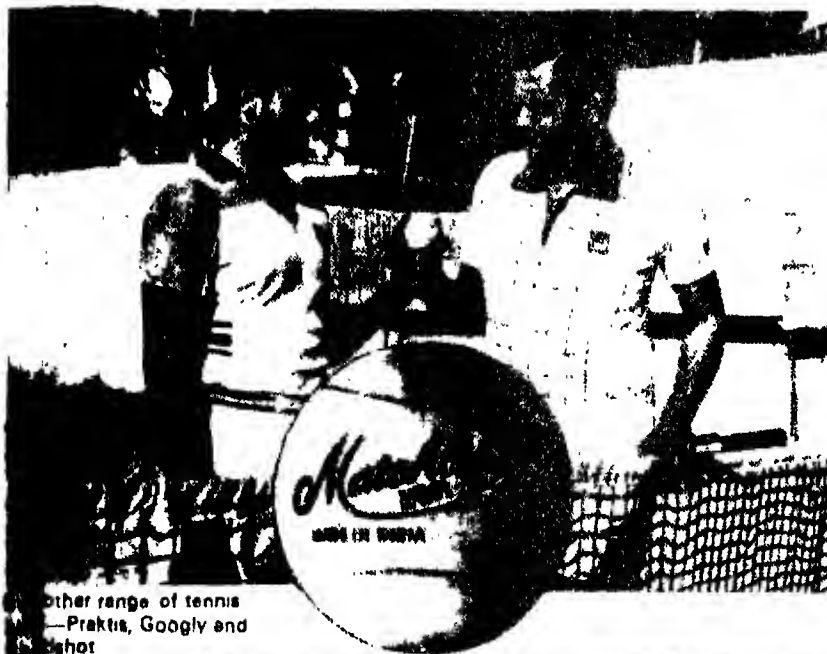
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# HAIL HOLMES!

**I**t was one of those fights that left the mouth dry and the stomach tight as a drum.

It was the fight in which Gerry Cooney, the giant Irish-American from Huntington, Long Island, pitted his power and his punch—the fabled left hook—against the two-fisted ring cunning and superior skills of a classic champion.

And, at the end of war between black and white, found that it was not enough.

It was not enough because after 13 punishing, heart-stopping rounds, Larry Holmes, heavyweight champion of the world, came through the fire and the pain to retain his crown.

He is now undefeated through 40 fights (30 of them won inside the distance) and more than four years. Only the late great Joe Louis reigned longer.

It was exactly two minutes and 52 seconds into that unlucky 13th for the valiant 25-year-old Cooney that they finally stopped the mayhem.

At that point the 6ft 6in challenger who had really menaced Holmes up to the tenth round, was little more than a helpless hulk. His punch had gone. His legs had gone. His strength had gone.

## Topple

As the champion bruised and battered, fired jabs, left hooks and right crosses at his stricken opponent, a final long right sent Cooney reeling. Like a ruined building, he started to topple as if he had been dynamited. Half clutching the ropes, half squatting, there he slumped. Yet the drama was just unfolding.

As the count was about to be taken up, Cooney's little trainer, Victor Valle, rushed across the ring. Visibly weeping he cried: "That's enough for my boy. No more..."

For wild seconds there was confusion and uproar as the crowd, mystified, gasped and roared. But then it was over—not on a disqualification as I had expected, but, curiously, on a technical knock-out.

Yet what excitement, what tension, what violence the 32,000 crowd crammed into this open-air arena at Caesar's Palace witnessed before the final curtain. For it was a fight that went right down dark alleys.

In between the beautifully-patented left jab of Holmes, in between the multitude of right crosses the champion threw at the challenger's gashed left eye and mutilated nose, there were

sickening left hooks to Holmes's body and also a remarkably good Cooney jab.

In the opening round Cooney, 13lb the heavier, stalked Holmes all the way, cutting off the ring hooking to the body and outjabbing the holder.

But it was in the second round that the first sensation exploded. Whipping in a glorious long right cross off the jab, Holmes had Cooney on the floor for four seconds before the groggy giant rose to be given the mandatory eight counts.

It looked like an early finish, but Cooney bared his teeth and survived.

In the fourth round it was Cooney's turn as he shook Holmes to the roots with a left hook that seemed to go right through the champion. Then the challenger nearly snapped Holmes's head off with four massive jabs.



*World Boxing Council heavyweight champion Larry Holmes (right) and challenger Gerry Cooney exchange blows and sweat flying during their championship fight at Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas. Holmes retained his title with a 13th round knockout.*

But Holmes, of the iron chin, survived.

In round six Holmes strove to send Cooney to eternity. When jabbing and crossing, he threw everything but the ring stool at him.

But the staggering Cooney, a fixed grin on his ravaged features, came through.

In round eight the crowd was howling as the two men, each in their own way, did their wicked best to inflict appalling damage on each other. Booming Cooney left hooks to the body five whistling right-handers from Holmes.

Pain was the only winner in that round.

But the most controversial incident erupted in the ninth when Cooney, who had already been warned for low blows, sank a terrific left into Holmes's groin.

with all the pivotal force of his 16-st frame.

The champion doubled up in agony and the bout was held up for nearly a minute while referee Mills Lane gave Holmes time to recover. He also deducted two points from Cooney, who received six warnings in all.

In Britain, of course, Cooney would have been disqualified there and then, but they do things differently here.

This was really Cooney's last shot, a punch so palpably low that a laughing and happy Holmes said afterwards: "I was going to have sex tonight, but now I think I'll call it off."

The champion added more seriously: "We are all God's children. I'm not a racist. When I met Gerry Cooney I met a

human being who tried to take my head off.

"I fought for myself and my family. I'm very sorry I can't be what some people expect me to be. I'm sorry I can't be a Muhammad Ali or a Joe Louis. I was just born to be myself. Larry Holmes."

As for the inexperienced Cooney (he previously had never travelled more than eight rounds in winning 22 of his 25 fights by knock-outs), he grabbed the mike, burst into tears and told us: "I'm sorry I let you down. I love you all."

It was the end of a dream. Gerry Cooney's dream of becoming the first white man to win boxing's supreme crown for 22 years.

Cooney was carted off to hospital to have his eye stitched. He had been beaten by the best right combination in the business.



# Split plagues Thai badminton

— From Shirish Nadkarni in Bangkok —

**P**OLITICS has for long been the bane of Indian sport; unseemly wrangles within the controlling associations of different sports have invariably worked to the detriment of the players themselves. It now appears that India is not alone in this regard.

A close look at the game in Thailand reveals that the country's badminton has fallen on evil days purely because of the bed blood between the two controlling associations that co-exist. Yes; not one association, but two. And thereby hangs a tale.

The original body in Thailand was the Badminton Association of Thailand (BAT), which was a sitting member of the International Badminton Federation (IBF). Four years ago, a rival body to the IBF was formed in the Far East by those championing the cause of China. The latter, it will be recalled, refused to apply for IBF membership so long as Taiwan continued to be a sitting member. The new body was called the World Badminton Federation (WBF).

The two hard-line members of the WBF were China and Hong Kong. Singapore also supported the cause of China's membership very strongly. Countries like Indonesia, Malaysia, Japan and Thailand attended the first meeting, as did India. But of these, only Thailand joined the breakaway body. The others were afraid of the consequences, especially with the Thomas Cup less than a year away.

The Badminton Association of Thailand hence gave up its membership



*Charoen Wattanasin, a contemporary of Nandu Natekar, is one of the legendary figures in Thai badminton.*

of the IBF; Air Chief Marshal Dawee Chulalaspaya was duly elected the first president of the WBF. For a while, Thai shuttlers went along with the new arrangement, but it was soon obvious that the situation was working against the country's badminton.

Charoen Wattanasin, one of the legendary figures in their badminton was the first to do something to express his discontent. Wattanasin, a contemporary of Nandu Natekar (only two years younger than Natekar in age), held the distinction of being an All-England singles finalist on two occasions. He was unfortunate in being beaten by the man to whom he had taught the rudiments of the game—Erlend Kops of Denmark, the world record holder of seven All-England titles, before the mark was broken in 1976 by Indonesia's Rudy Hartono.

Kops had worked in Bangkok in the early fifties as a junior executive with an East Asiatic company, and has readily admitted his debt to Wattanasin. Kops had a tough three-game battle before he could subdue the Thai in 1958, he beat him a little more comfortably in the following year's final at the Empire Pool, Wembley.

## Blessings

To return to the story Wattanasin had the blessings of Princess Sudhesini Sophia, a member of the ruling royal family. He had compiled for her a unique museum—the Hall of Fame, a badminton court on the four walls of which hung rackets of the game's greatest players. From Wong Peng Soon down to Hartono, each legend has contributed one of his own rackets to the Hall of Fame. Natekar's racket also has its place.

Wattanasin convened a meeting of all the important badminton clubs in Thailand, to ascertain their response to his idea. It exceeded even his expectations. A fund collection drive at this meeting yielded over 600,000 baht (about Rs 250,000). It was a healthy sign of solidarity. Charoen flew down to Jakarta at the time of the 1980 Thomas Cup finals, and convinced the IBF that he had the support of a majority of the badminton-playing clubs in his country.

The IBF was gracious enough to grant the new body instant recognition. Thus was the Thailand Badminton Federation (TBF) formed, with the princess elected the president and Wattanasin the secretary general.

How the imbroglio between the IBF and the WBF was resolved; how the latter ceased to exist, once again



*Udom Lueng Petcharaporn, Thailand's No 1 player...may honour overseas commitments during the Asiad.*

handing over the supreme controlling power of international badminton to the former, is all now history. With the dissolution of the WBF, following China's entry to the IBF, the BAT was between the devil and the deep blue sea.

Thailand's situation, apropos the BAT, suffered overnight complications. The IBF was obviously willing to recognise only one association from each member nation. The TBF was now a sitting member, since the BAT had forfeited its membership. Shuttlers in Thailand were faced with a serious dilemma as to which association deserved their loyalty. The expected power struggle went on, with each association wooing the top players to their fold.

The BAT had been the original body, but the TBF had done much for the game. Wattanasin, using his personal good offices as a former great of the game, managed to invite top players of the world, including the Indonesians and the Danes to Thailand for international matches. He also managed to send teams to two successive All-England Championships, the Thais had not participated in the two previous years because of the break with the IBF. TBF-sponsored Thailand also reached the Thomas Cup Asian Zone final recently.

One of the two associations had to go. But neither was willing to yield ground.

At the time of writing, a press conference has recently taken place in

Bangkok, summoned by the BAT, its new president, Lt.-Gen. Tianchai Sirisampand announced the new policy guidelines. When asked by a reporter when the two Thai bodies would merge, he snapped, "We are ready to unite now! If the IBF had not interfered in our internal affairs, the negotiations would not have proved as difficult as they have been!"

Wattanasin, who returned from London after the IBF meeting (in which he was elected one of the new Council members) vehemently refuted the BAT charge, saying, "there has been no IBF interference at all in Thailand's badminton affairs. This is a clear case of misunderstanding and I'm sure he did not realise what he was saying."

The TBF secretary general added, "When the TBF applied in 1980 for IBF membership, it was solely for the purpose of providing competitive exposure for our young shuttlers, who had been starved for more than two years. Our intentions were wholly honourable, as our sole objective was to play badminton."

The TBF has taken the first step towards reconciliation by welcoming any shuttlers from the BAT who wish to play for their country on the TBF rolls. Thailand's team for the recent Triangular contest with Malaysia and Singapore (which incidentally Malaysia won, beating Thailand in the final by an 8-1 margin) included Sawai Chansoorasme and Sant Pisudhchaikul of the BAT.

## Complicated

The situation has been further complicated by the acceptance by the IBF of the Asian Badminton Confederation (ABC) as a member. The interpretation of this move can be quite different, depending upon who is doing the interpreting! The BAT feels that this means a regaining for it of the IBF membership. The TBF, on the other hand, stresses that the ABC qualified for membership as a regional body, and points out the comment of IBF president Craig Reddie that "such an organisation shall abide by the rules and regulations of the IBF which stipulate that member countries do not automatically become IBF members."

All this double talk simply means that the TBF is currently riding the crest as a member of good standing with the IBF. However, the BAT holds an ace up its sleeve, as regards the fast-approaching Asian Games in New Delhi in November.

"The TBF is not a member of the Thailand National Olympic Committee", says Wattanasin. "But the IBF will not interfere in team selections, regardless of our local affiliations." He confirmed that he would be happy to have his players participate in a series of selection trials, organised by an ad hoc committee nominated by the TNOC. If such a compromise is not forthcoming, the TBF shuttlers, notable amongst whom are Udom Leung Petcharaporn and Surapong and Damrong, may honour overseas

commitments in Canada and the U.S.A. during the duration of the Asiad.

Talks at the moment, however, favour an "honourable compromise"; and Indians could well have the pleasure of seeing the diminutive touch artist Bandid Jaiyen (who gave Prakash such a torrid time at the 1976 Asian Confederation Championships at Hyderabad, but has been out of the limelight since, because of his sympathies to the BAT) in action alongside the younger Petcharaporn, Boonnoon and Pisudhchaikul in Delhi this winter. It will take every compromise if Thai badminton is again to touch the heights.

WHILE on the subject of Charoen Wattanasin it must be mentioned that the former Thai national champion still plays the game on weekends on the Hall of Fame court, situated just behind his palatial bungalow off Sukhumvit Road, in one of the posh localities of downtown Bangkok. Sporting a headband and the beginnings of a moustache, Charoen still shows glimpses

as secretary-general of the TBF, leave him little time for anything else.

"I didn't say 'anything else', he grins. "Don't you know my surname means, 'what a lot of sins!'" Charoen Wattanasin is that kind of man. He has to have the last word. From all indications, he is likely to have the final say in the clash of the two associations in Thai badminton.

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FANS of the game in Bombay will remember Phiphop Banphot, the mercurial Thai who dominated Bombay's badminton in the sixties and the early seventies. Banphot, with his lightning smashes and quicksilver reflexes with his badminton prowess and his endearing smile was the darling of the crowds. The only man who ever really mastered his game when he was in his prime was the steady, six-times Maharashtra State champion Thakkar.

Banphot left India in the mid-seventies, to return to Thailand, and



*Bandid Jaiyen...will Indians have the pleasure of seeing this diminutive touch artist in action?*

of the strokeplay that set him aside from other Thais.

Most of the modern day Thai players rely purely in speed and power. Deception in strokeplay sends them racing in the wrong direction. Wattanasin uses guile and his wrist to make a much speedier opponent look foolish, when the shuttle goes the wrong way!

Asked whether he would play in the All-England Veterans' Championships now that he had qualified for it by age, he is 46—he said, "Let Kops and Natekar sweat it out. I don't want to get a heart attack. I only play light, social badminton these days." And indeed, his hectic schedule as the managing director of International Flavours and Fragrances, an American company, and

complete his stint as a Buddhist monk. That he was not destined to finish the rest of his days cloistered within the walls of a monastery would have been obvious to anyone who knew him. For Banphot loved the good life.

In any case, after completing his 'service draft' as a monk, he returned to civil life. Today, he works in a bank, and plays only occasionally. He has put on plenty of weight, but refuses to give up good living. Last month, he sprang a surprise by jumping off the marital dock—at the age of 41! One hopes his marriage is blessed with a lot of little Banphot's who play the game of badminton as well as spectacularly as Daddy Phiphop did. And that our children in India get a chance of seeing them in action.

# Kenny's camp a success

**R**AMNATH KENNY, international coach and a senior coach in the country conducted a camp in May at Madras under the auspices of the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association for boys under 15 years and 19 years. He emphasised the need for the trainees to respect umpires' decisions and accept them gracefully, irrespective of their view of them.

Really, Kenny taught his trainees to leave the crease when they knew they were out—and in 99.99 per cent of cases the batsman knows this—so why wait?

"It would be a lot easier for the umpires to do their job if cricketers have the right approach. Cricket is a gentleman's game, and one of its props is the acceptance of umpires' decisions totally, without any reservation. Do bear

The coaching camp that Kenny held was unique because it was sponsored by three top industrialists of Madras, deeply interested in the cricket. R. Ratnam of Sundaram Industries, N. Venkatramani of India Pistons and N.

Shankar of Chemicals and Plastics. Such sponsorship may be the forerunner of more, touching other aspects of the game. The trainees were chosen by a specially constituted committee of the TNCA.

The trainees were also told of the importance of the three Ds—dress, discipline and display.

Kenny emphasised that follow-up work was very important, otherwise his efforts would be wasted. "As it is not possible for me to stay with the boys throughout the year, I have instructed my assistant C.S. Umapathy, a keen cricketer himself, what should be done to keep the progress of the boys after the camp."

Kenny was quite firm in his views on coaching. "Cricketers, who have not been trained as coaches, take camps which is not a healthy sign. All good cricketers may not be necessarily be good coaches. Coaching is not merely done by sitting in the chair and shouting out instruction. It requires ability, agility and keenness for the job. Only



Former Test star Ramnath Kenny coaching youngsters in the art of bowling

trained coaches properly. The Board should see personally that only such trained coaches go abroad or take coaching assignments in the country."

P.N. SUNDARESAN

## Tilak triumphs

**W**ITH almost all the country's top shuttlers in the Asiad camp the current Bombay badminton season has provided an opportunity for the lesser knowns to come to the fore.

After his first men's singles win in the Bandra Gymkhana tournament on June 13, Tilak vanquished giant killer Bushan Akut to win the men's singles title of the Red and White Kings sponsored Indian Gymkhana badminton tournament last Sunday.

The Tilak-Akut clash in the final promised a close finish but petered out into a one-sided affair. The calm and cool Tilak ran into a 10-0 lead in the first game before Akut could settle and finally won at 15-2. Tilak often caught Akut on far side corners which the latter could not smash to perfection.

In the second game Akut, who had shocked India ranked Sanjay Sharma, found his bearings to forge ahead at 8-4 with Tilak unable to sustain his control. But once the service changed hands, Tilak recovered his poise to win the game and match at 15-11.

Radhika Bose claimed a double with considerable ease by winning the junior girl's singles and the women's singles title. In both the events her opponent was Pune's sub-junior Deepthi Thanekar.

G. VISWANATH

Suhag Datar, captain, Hind Sevak Cricket Club, winners of the Seth Gordhandas Karsondas Challenge Shield cricket tournament receiving the shield from Ashok Mankad at Bombay recently.

## A double for Chandrasekhar

**C**HANDRASEKHAR of Tamil Nadu won a double crown in the Central India Zone Table Tennis Championships played in Bhopal recently. Indu Puri claimed the women single title while Mita Sinha of Assam and Vasant Bhardwaj of Karnataka won the girls and boys titles respectively.

This is the fifth time Chandrasekhar has won the Central India championship. In the mens final Chandrasekhar who was in terrific form blasted Manmeet Singh in a one-sided match by straight games by 21-14, 21-12, 21-10.

Manmeet Singh made it to the final by winning all his three matches against Kamlesh Mehta 3-2, Chandramauli 3-2 and Manjit Dua 3-0. To complete his double crown Chandrasekhar partnered Kamlesh Mehta and defeated Rajat Kathuria and Chandramauli in the mens doubles finals in straight games.

Unlike the mens final the women final was very exciting and full of thrills which stretched to full five games. Indu Puri won the first two games at 21-18, 21-14 but then Shailaja Salokhe, who is well known for her fighting qualities made fine recovery through her superb defensive game and fought back to win next two games at 21-18, 21-16. In the decider, both the players played well the scores running neck to neck till last few points when Indu Puri made a fierce attack to win the game and title at 21-18.

In the earlier quarter-finals league matches both Indu Puri and Shailaja Salokhe had won all their three matches. Indu Puri defeated Vyoma Shah 3-1, Laxmi Karant 3-0 and Rita Jain 3-1 while Shailaja Salokhe defeated Mita Sinha Roy 3-0, Snigdha Mehta 3-0 and Monalisa Barua 3-0.

J.D. MEHTA



## Nostalgic back-track of Wimbledon

**W**IMBLEDON history is chequered with moments of nostalgia. This piece will capture back the thrills and excitement of two great matches played on its hallowed Centre Court half a century apart.

First is the women's singles challenge round match in 1919, and the other a first round men's singles encounter in 1969. Both cliff-hangers will go down in the annals of the tournament as two of the greatest matches ever played on the lush green lawns of the Mecca of tennis.

Headed by the King, Queen and Princess Mary, 8,000 eager fans packed the Centre Court in anticipation of an outstanding tussle between the two. They were not disappointed.

The French girl, Suzanne Langlen, whose scintillating tennis and electric personality had already captured the hearts of the British crowd during the 1919 championships, was pitted against the holder of the title Dorothea Lambert Chambers.

Time may have taken its toll, but Lambert Chambers, four time winner of the title, remained a great, clever and courageous player.

Long, testing rallies left Lambert Chambers 3-5 down in the first set but she recovered to reach set point at 6-5.

Losing this opportunity and set, she slammed her way through the second to force the decision.

Swallowing sugar soaked in vegetable oil while faced, faced to a 4 lead in the the. Chemically, Lambert Chambers fought back and to an electrifying atmosphere reached 6.5 and 4.5.

Never threatening Langlen fought back with a more vicious rally to slay off defeat looming large. Though the tension and outstaring rather were maintained to the end Langlen was never again in danger of defeat and she went on to win 3-0 (4, 6, 9/7).

Viewed in retrospect, this was a classic contest despite the dangers of both players: the errors were negligible and each point was a battle in itself. At the final London show, wear, bleeding and torn women were so exhausted that it was impossible for them to go to the toilet.

At a later date, a meeting held in the Chambers of the Court of the Admiralty, with Sir A. Selwyn Selwyn-Elgar, first of those present.

A brother from a large Canadian firm who had been in the U.S. for 18 years before the expansion was formed in 1962, told me that he had lost a sample of about 45

began his 1969 first round match against Charles Pasarelli late on the opening day

Parrett, then 25, had sensationally eliminated the top seed in the first round two years earlier. The odds seemed heavily stacked against Gonzales.

As the first set stretched its way, 5 all, 6 all on to 22 all the daylight faded and with a Gonzales' ability to see the ball. Repeatedly he complained and branded a gaggle of persecutors among the by now 'full house' Centre Court crowd.

The referee came on the court ordered that play be continued and sat down to watch. Furious, Gonzales kept on attacking him with angry words and glowering. Gonzales maintained a combative attitude until Parasell took a 20 second timeout and finally gave the no more play order.

stealing off court and boos. They could scarcely have dreamed that the match would bring them a global 100 games and there were but one to come before the final. The two had played seven matches in the previous year, his former pupil

...and to capture the primitive  
...the invincible  
...from Pasarell's  
...the first time after  
...they ended this  
...25 34 16 16 14 6

... court.  
... that day

## HOSEY MISTRY

## From Ace to Deuce Screen celebrity on court

**"H**AVE you modelled your tennis game after the playing style of any of the great pros?"

Alan King, the comedian, celebrity player and tennis fan extraordinaire, pondered the question for a moment, slowly leaned back in his chair and deadpanned: "Let me put it this way, I'm built like Tony Roche I've got the temperament of McEnroe the aggressiveness of Connors and the fluidity of Newcombe."

Then cracking with a grin, he added, "I'm also one of the great fantasizers of all time. I've got a 150,000 dollars forehead and an eleven dollars backhand."

**A frustrated ex-golfer turned tennis hacker, King figures that he ranks "A" player among show business celebrities. He proudly notes that he and Rocha, a "fair double player", teamed up to take the title at the 1976 Robert F. Kennedy Pro-Celebrity Tennis Tournament**

King, who appropriately lives in Kings Point, NY ("just a few blocks from my friend, Vitas Gerulaitis"), has his own tennis court and plays at least three times a week, using—what else? a king sized racquet.

O.K., so he's not a Bjorn Borg or Ivan

Leland King, Jr., age 40, 10085 Carthage, a  
deep dive for 20 years in the 1940's  
followed term in Navy (May 1944)  
when Frank Frost won the 1st  
Championship.

And he plays hard for the All King Carsten K. and Tennis Club on the 20 man event held each spring in Las Vegas.

A native New Yorker, Flanagan lives in the lower East Side where the only place to go with "cuddles" were "Lodlums," the quips King's favourite toad name for the Opera. "I haven't missed a day of it since 1963," he boasts. "I don't know my first box then, and I haven't given it up since I am on there all day, every day."

"It's my vacation watching the opera at the Open, and I really look forward to it. If a Hollywood movie studio called in the summer and offered me an Open role in a picture, they'd have to wait until after the Open. And I always leave the following Monday open in case it rains."

**A**LTHOUGH you would think the name on the worksheet seemed like a long US Open veteran who's probably had more action on the blades than the Chris Evert Lloyd.

She's also produced over 100 TV

Harold Solomon, and more often than Jimmy Connors

John Finner, Warming, an indefatigable  
daddy who can drop whatever else  
he's doing each summer to shag balls  
for a long and glorious week at  
the U.S. premier tennis tournament.

"...for a match I wasn't standing in the right place because Fred Stolle hit a ball that hit me in the head."

Impassioned? You bet and not only by the way she native New Yorker has blossomed in the year before when as a member of the National Junior Tennis League she attended her first open at Forest Hills.

During the rest of the year, Warring, 27, instructs Reppis College in Denver where all majors in psychology and eleven less of topics.

Of course it's not all roses. There are those players who are less than congenial, like the American who she left. "Told me to move my . . . --raar end and I wasn't even doing anything wrong." Or some of the female models "who are younger than we are and act like spoiled brats."

**B**EFORE they started their sold out fall concert tour of the US last year the English rock group, the Rolling Stones, got in shape by jogging and playing a little tennis at their rehearsal

## STOP VOLLEY



# Controversy over Birthday Girl's win

**A** CONTROVERSY is raging in racing circles as to whether Birthday Girl who scrambled home a winner by a neck from stablemate Tribute in the 1600 metres Bangalore Fillies Trial Stakes did so on merit or whether Barclay who was on the runner-up allowed her to win by not making sufficient effort on his mount

That there are two schools of thought is not at all surprising for the situation is made for dispute. Both animals are in the ownership of Dr. M.A.M. Ramaswamy who, let's face it, is a controversial owner, and both were saddled by A.B. David. Birthday Girl was 10 to 6 on public choice and Tribute the second favourite in the eighth horse field was at four. The owner has a reputation of being a big league punter and because of the price difference between the two runners it is widely assumed that he went to town on Birthday Girl and had Tribute won he would have stood to lose a packet.

Against such a background emotion can overrule commonsense and the evidence of one's eyes can be distorted by a suspicious mental image and that in this column's opinion is exactly what has happened as it is this writer's view that both animals were ridden flat out and the better of the two on the day went on to victory.

Consider how the race was run. Busy Lizzie soon opened up a big gap when setting a scorching pace while Jagdish kept Birthday Girl third or fourth as Tribute raced in the rear with Scintillation. Jagdish closed the gap when heads were turned for home and Birthday Girl entered the straight a couple of lengths behind Busy Lizzie

while Tribute had improved position to be a handy fourth.

Birthday Girl soon got the measure of the leader and Jagdish was content to ride her only with his hands. With about 300 metres to go Barclay started to use the whip on Tribute and brought her within reach of Birthday Girl. About 50 metres later Jagdish also had recourse to the stick and both animals galloped towards the winning post locked in a thrilling neck to neck combat with both riders using the whalebone freely and well. The winning post came to the rescue of the favourite for it was apparent that while her energies were completely spent Tribute had something in reserve. Busy Lizzie was nine lengths behind with Tick Tock and additional two and half lengths off in a race which was run in the excellent time of 1.38 2/5 secs which is just 2/5ths of a second outside the best for this race which was set by Blue Ice last year. This was Birthday Girl's fifth consecutive success and her sixth from eight starts. The daughter of Never Naver of Fair World Hari Hara Priya has now won three Classics as she claimed the Fillies Trial and the Nilgiris Derby in Ooty. Tribute a got abroad of American blood as she is by Distant Land—Broma is the best looking three-year-old in the land and she has salvaged the high reputation she had gained by winning from both her starts in Madras, but which she lost by losing to Carlos in her last run in Bangalore. In this showing it is apparent that she is the better filly than is Birthday Girl. However, as the colts tower over the Fillies it is unlikely that she will make a big showing in next month's Bangalore Derby. Busy Lizzie also showed a marked improvement though it is this writer's view that she would have been nearer to the winner had not

so much early use been made of her. Tick Tock showed herself to be the best of the three which Byramji saddled and the Calcutta challenger Adelina was a sore disappointment as she finished a bad last.

Just as David's pair of Birthday Girl and Tribute attracted the most support Byramji's Due of Camino and Almagesht will be most favoured in next week's Colts Trial. Almagesht who is by Gombos Red Surprise is the more experienced of the two and is the only one of his age in training who is in the highest class. He has been beaten, but once in five starts. Camino who is by Grey Gaston Calendines has raced only thrice. He made a winning debut in Madras, did the same in Bombay and completed a hat-trick earlier in the current campaign. He was never raced in open class. However, he has the better conformation and the longer stride and these important assets should enable him to extend his winning streak.

## Super animal

Almanac the second highest rated horse in the country proved himself to be a super animal when he carried 68.5 kilos to a fluent victory over Wandering Minstrel who was in receipt of 23.5 kilos from him in the 1400 metres Madras Cup. He won with something in reserve although it is this column's view that had Sunray who was placed on 51 kilos not been badly knocked by Whiplash midway in the race and had he not the very troubled run in the straight he should have stretched Almanac who is unbeaten in seven races since his Bangalore Derby debacle.

For a rider of his skill and experience Shafiq made an absolute ass of himself on Wings of Fire who has beaten half a length by Attorney General when making the first appearance of his life in a 1400 metres race for maidens. Shafiq's refusal to allow the colt to run on merit was so blatant that even a relative novice to the game could have spotted it. Not surprisingly his licence has been withdrawn.

Trainer Khlander's Charge Royal Gallery who easily beat aristocratic on June 6 has been disqualified and the trainer has been suspended as the filly's samples have been returned positive. Similarly Min Mini who won the Champion Trainer Cup in Ooty when saddled by Huma Malick was disqualified and the trainer suspended for the same offence. So the doping evil has not been completely eradicated despite the known fact that it is very difficult indeed to get away with.

The horses to note for the future are Aundhati, Gallant, Gurkha, Herdy Polite and of course Wings of Fire.







**T**HE wife was telling me: "Either we buy tickets for the Asian Games or we buy a colour TV set."

"What kind of an alternative is that," I said "If we buy tickets and go for the Asian Games, we will see our Indian competitors losing in every event. If we buy a colour TV set and watch the games on TV, we will still see our Indians losing in event after event."

The wife said: "Because you do not want to spend money on either the tickets or the colour TV set, you have already decided that India will lose. I think that is a very pessimistic view to take."

"I am not being pessimistic, I am being a realist," I said "There is no point in our

spending good money on tickets or colour TV sets in order to see our men and our teams come last or finish at the bottom of their respective pools."

The wife said: "You can never be too sure of these things. Supposing just one athlete of ours wins a gold. How would we feel if afterwards we have to tell



everybody that we neither saw him win in person nor did we see him win on colour TV. We will be the only family who will not be able to share in the joys of his success. It would be a national disgrace."

"I do not think not being present in a stadium or possessing a colour TV set

is a national disgrace," I said. "If that were the case, then millions of our people would be in disgrace because they are not likely to even hear that the games are being held in Delhi or that some parts of the country are going to have colour TV before the rest of the country has had black-and-white TV."

The wife said: "It is people like you who keep pulling back both our sports and our electronics industry. With people like you who do not want to spend on tickets or a colour TV, how can the nation prosper?"

"You may say what you like, but I refuse to spend money to witness an event which would only sadden me. Especially considering the amount they are going to charge for admission to the stadia for the various events and the prices they are quoting for colour TV sets."

The wife said: "In your present mood, I know you are not going to listen to me, so let us come to a compromise. You buy me the air fare to Delhi and the tickets and I will watch the games in person. Meanwhile, for yourself, buy a colour TV set and you watch the games on that. After the games, I will watch other programmes on our colour TV set."



**Q** WHO are the Indians to have appeared in Wisden's "Cricketer of the year"?

—Vikas Bardia, (New Delhi-15)

**A** NINE Indians have found a place. They are K.S. Ranjitsinhji (1896), K.S. Duleepsinhji (1929), Nawab of Pataudi sr (1932), C.K. Nayudu (1932), V.M. Merchant (1936), Vinoo Mankad (1946), Nawab of Pataudi jr (1967), B.S. Chandrasekhar (1971) and Sunil Gavaskar (1980).

**Q** IS the coin used for the toss in a cricket match made of any precious metal? Does it become the property of the winner of the toss?

—Bhim Sen Sharma, (New Delhi-1)

**A** ANY coin can be used for the toss, though some skippers have their

own lucky coins. It does not become the property of the winner. The practice is for the skipper of the home team to toss and for the visiting skipper to call.

**Q** HOW many runs did Sunil Gavaskar score in England in 1971?

—Vikas Panigrahi, (Bhubaneswar)

**A** IN the three Tests, Gavaskar played six innings and scored 144 runs at an average of 24.00. The break-up: Four and 53 in the first Test at Lord's, 57 and 24 in the second at the Old Trafford and six and zero in the third at the Oval which India won. On the entire tour, Gavaskar played in 15 matches in 27 innings, once not out, he made 1,141 runs at an average of 43.88 with 194 against Worcestershire as his best score.

**Q** HAS Yashpal Sharma played for Delhi in the Ranji Trophy?

—C.R. Melavade, (Ajara, Maharashtra)

**A** NO. He has been playing for Punjab since his debut in 1973-74.

**Q** WHAT is the date of birth of former India captain Mansur Ali Khan Pataudi?

—Dwarkan Shetty, (Bombay)

**A** JANUARY 5, 1941

**Q** WHO are the oldest and youngest players in Tests?

—C.S. Baskaran, (Madras-4)

**A** ENGLAND's Wilfred Rhodes is the oldest. He was 52 years and 165

days old when he played against the West Indies at Kingston in 1929-30. Mushtaq Mohammad, of Pakistan, is the youngest. Only 15 years and 124 days old while making his debut against the West Indies at Lahore in 1958-59.

**Q** HAS Delhi wicketkeeper Surinder Khanna played in Tests?

—Deepak Arora, (Bombay-14)

**A** NO. Bharat Reddy kept wickets in all the four Tests in England in 1979 when Khanna was a member of the Indian team.

**Q** WILL a batsman be declared caught if a fielder crosses the pitch while taking the catch? What is the lbw rule when a batsman is hit on the pads while playing forward?

—H. Sreepathi, (Tumkur, Karnataka)

**A** A FIELDER can cross the pitch while taking a catch. The batsman is out. The lbw rule is the same whether a batsman plays forward or back.





**T**HE defence h5 against White's Pawn Roller in 'Dragon' is not often seen in master practice, for while it stems White's Pawn advance, it also weakens Black's castled position. In this game it succeeds as a result of some inaccuracies on White's part.

#### IVANOVIC - VELIMIROVIC

Played in Vincovci (Yugoslavia) International. Kovacevic 10/13, Matulovic 8½, Velimirovic, Klaric, Ivanovic 8 each.

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3, Nc6 3.d4, cxd4 4.Nxd4, g6 5.Nc3, Bg7 6.Be3, Nf6 7.Bc4, O-O 8.Bb3, d6 9.f3, Bd7 10.Qd2, Rc8 11.O-O, Ne5 12.h4, h5 13.Bg5, Rc5 14.f4, Nc4 15.Qd3, b5! 16.f5, Kh7 17.Qe2, Qb6 18.Rh1, a5 19.g4, Nfg4 20.Nd5, Hxd5 21.exd5, Bxd4 22.Qxe7, Bxf5 23.Bxc4?, Bxb2ch! 24.Kxb2, bxc4ch 25.Ka1, Kg7 26.Qe1, f6 27.Rxf5, gxf5 28.Bd2, Rb8 29.Bc3, Ne3 30.Rd2, f4 31.a3, Kf7 32.Ka2, Qh5 33.Rd1, Nxd5



By Jimmy Mehta

**P**LAYING for Sika's team in Division A of Bombay's Monsoon League, Shyam Lalwani found himself looking at

A 4  
6 4  
K J 4  
Q J 10 7 5 3  
N  
S  
K 8 7 6 3 2  
K 3 2  
A  
8 6 2  
Bidding.



Do I detect a certain lack of confidence in my firm control?

34.Ba1, Nb4ch! 35.axb4, Qa4ch 36.Kb1, Rxb4ch 37.Kc1, Qxa1ch 38.Kd2, Qd4ch 39.Ke2, Qe3ch 40.Kf1, Qxe1ch; 0-1

4.g6 Sicilian defence, accelerated Franchetto

7.Bc4! 7.Nxc6, bxc6 8.e5, Ng8, or 8.Nd5 is the characteristic continuation in this variation. The text allows transposition into regular Dragon with 2.d6 and 8.Nc6

12.h5! Here 12.Nc4 or 12.Qa5 might transpose into regular lines

14.f4! Geogardze—Miles Dortmund 1979 14.g4, hxg4 15.Bxf6, Bxf6 16.h5, g5 17.Nd5, e6 18.Nxf6ch, Qxf6

15.b5! If 16.Ncxb5, Nxb2! 17.Kxb2 Bxb5 18.Nxb5, Nxe4ch 19.Kc1, Nf2 20.Qe2, Nxb1 21.Rxb1 (21.Bxe7?, Re8) Qa5 and Black has Rook and Pawn for two pieces with attacking prospects

16.f5! Ljubojevic played against Miles twice (Malta and Riga 1980) 16.e5, Ng4 17.Ne5 and lost in the complications after 17.Rc8 18.exd6, f6 and 17.Rd5 18.Nxd6, Nxe5, but White's play could be improved

20.Nd5! A good alternative is 20.fxg6ch, fxg6 (or 20.Kxg6 21.Nf5) 21.Rxf8, Bxf8 22.Nd5

22.Qxe7? At least now he should have played 21.fxg6ch, Kxg6 22.Qd3ch,

f5 23.Qxd5 when he has the exchange for a Pawn

22.Bxf5! Offers the Rook for attack, e.g. 23.Qxf8, Bxb2ch 24.Kb1, Bg7 25.Qxf7, Nce5! 26.Qe7, a4 and though two exchanges up White can do nothing to meet axb3 Qc5 etc

23.Bxc4?? With 23.Rxf5!, gxf5 24.Qxf8 he could have some drawing chances i.e. 24.Bxb2ch 25.Kb1, Bg7 (or 25.Qb2 26.Be7) 26.Qxf7 and 27.Qxh5 or Qxf5ch etc

25.Kg7! Black has saved his Rook and threatens 26.a3 27.Rb1 Qd4ch

27.Rxf5! He has to return the exchange, for 27.Bd2 would be replied by 27.Bxc2

34.Nb4ch! A nice simplifying combination recovering the piece, exchanging Queens and remaining 4 Pawns up

#### END GAME

Last week's ending by A. Sochnev, '64' 1981 White: Ka7 P's -e6, f5, g3 Black—Kd4 Rf6, Nh3, Ph5 Draw 1.e7, Rf7 2.f6 Ng5 3.Kb8! (3.Ka8 loses i.e. 3.Ne6 4.Kb8, Rxf6 5.e8Q, Rf8) 3.Nh7 4.e8Q, Rf8 5.f7!, Nf6! 6.Qxf8, Nd7ch 7.Kc7, Nxf8 8.Kd6 Ke3! 9.Ke7 Nh7 10.Ke6, Ke4! (or 10.Kf3 11.Kf5, Kxg3 12.Kg6! 11.f8Q! Nxf8 12.Kf6, Ne6! 13.Kg6! draw

W	N	E	S
(Sharad)	(Sicka)	(Jimmy)	(Shyam)
P	2C	2H	3S
	4S	All pass	

Mr Sika's moth-eaten opening bid led to a poor game contract which looked off four unavoidable losers

The opening lead was th H7, after which a lucky layout and a sluggish defence which Shyam exploited to the fullest, left the defenders gaping

Can you figure out how Shyam wrapped up his contract?

Sitting East, playing for Tanksali's team, I took the HA and passively returned a heart. This was the full hand!

A 4			
6 4			
K J 4			
Q J 10 7 5 3			
N			
Q 10 5	N	J 9	
10 7 5	W	E	A Q J 9 8
Q 9 8 7 6 5	S		10 3 2
K			A 9 8
K 8 7 6 3 2			
K 3 2			
A			
6 4 2			

• Shyam won the HK, ruffed a heart in dummy and came to hand with the DA after cashing the Ace of trumps

The SK and a spade return found my partner Sharad Mhatre stuck in this position

nil			
K J			
Q J 10 7			
nil	N		
nil	W	E	J
Q 9 8 7 6	S		10 3
K			A 9 8
8 7 3			
nil			
nil			
6 4 2			

Sharad had no option but to cash his CK and return a diamond, giving declarer a finesse which he could not have taken on his own. The clubs were parked on dummy's diamonds and it was all over

Had I inserted the knave of hearts at trick one there might have been better prospects for the defence

Let's say the declarer plays back a second heart partner wins the trick with the ten, unblocks his CK and exits with a diamond

Now declarer has no return communication to his hand after taking the heart ruff

A rather sloppy trick one play by me, but certainly a very well played hadn't by Shyam

Shyam retired after the first half of the match thinking that he was sitting pretty with a 42 I.M.P. lead

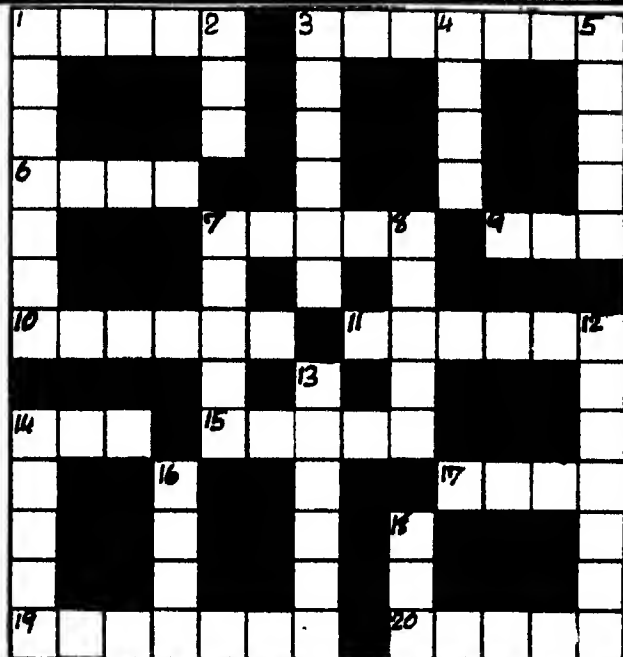
Alas for him a the rest of his team, Tanksali's blitzed Sika's by eighty, I.M.Ps to ten in the second half, salvaging a washed up match for an 18-2 Victory point result in their favour.

### ACROSS

1. Prolific barsman starts with an expression (5).
2. US tennis star ends with a French pronoun (7).
6. A delicate stroke at the net (4).
7. Won the Wimbledon men's singles title three years running has a mistake in the middle (5).
9. A lady governs badminton in the country (1, 1, 1).
10. A rule starts an Asian middle distance runner (5, 1).
11. Former Asian 800 m champion runner returns has a ban inbetween (1, 5).
14. Former Indian cricketer (3).
15. Mercy Kuttan is — leading — jumper (1, 4).
17. It governs archery internationally (1, 1, 1, 1).
19. 'Nasty' on the tennis circuit (7).
20. The cost of English cricketer (5).

### DOWN

1. This athlete goes over the 'sticks' (7).
2. Stumper Engineer initially (1, 1, 1).
3. West Indies cricketer has an English title inbetween (6).
4. Venue of the 1952 winter Olympic Games (4).
5. In rum for former distance runner of international fame (5).
7. Indian hooper with a paternal start (5).
8. English cricketer starts with a pronoun (5).
12. Women gymnasts perform on this beam (7).
13. The Punjab—hockey team has won many tournaments in the country (6).
14. They first brought Asia on the international table tennis map (5).



16. Superlative for an international footballer (4).
18. English cricketer Parfitt initially (1, 1, 1).

*How much do you know?*



1. In all lifts if the bar touches the thighs with a visible stop, will it render the attempt 'no lift'?
2. What is the target in epee fencing?
3. In football, if the ball is on the touchline itself, will the ball be in play?
4. In chess, must the check be warded off on the move immediately following?
5. In the Olympic running game target shooting event, the target is shaped like which animal?

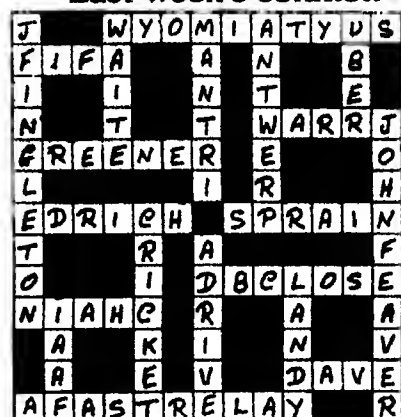
6. At the beginning of each game, in squash, the server shall serve from which box?
7. If more than six runs have been run before lost ball be called, how many runs shall be added to the score?

### ANSWERS:

1. Yes. 2. The whole body. 3. Yes. 4. Yes. 5. A running boar. 6. From either box. 7. As many as have been run.

HOSEY MISTRY

### Last week's solution



## Pen Friends Corner

- Tanaz D. Limboowalla, 20**  
638, Joshi Road,  
Parsi Colony,  
Bombay-400 014  
Hobbies: Sports, music, reading,  
stamps.
- M. Shafi Sayeed,**  
C/o. M.A. Sayeed MLA,  
29/A Bentinck Street,  
Calcutta-700 001  
Movies, music, penpals
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## Stringent rules, please

**T**HE tantrums of John McEnroe at Wimbledon last year highlighted the inadequacies of the disciplinary arrangements in tennis.

So far, the code of conduct introduced by the Mens' International Professional Tennis Council in 1975, and endorsed by the Association of Tennis Professionals, is explicit about unsportsmanlike behaviour.

Initially, a warning is given, then a point awarded to the opponent, then yet another point, next a game and eventually a disqualification—and all these offences carry fines.

However, McEnroe remains unperturbed.

With the Wimbledon tournament beginning this month, it is time for the All-England Club to make the rules more stringent to prevent an encore of McEnroe's unruly behaviour, failing which, not only is the tournament in danger of falling into disrepute, but also jeopardising the future of tennis the world over.

—Parag Kamani, Anuruddah,  
(Peddar Rd., Bombay)

## You've done well India

**T**HE performance of the newly built Indian hockey team is really praiseworthy in the recently concluded Champions Trophy hockey tournament in Amsterdam.

Our national team, with many youngsters not only outshone their arch-rivals Pakistan but also improved their position from fifth to the third position.

—Sabuj Sen,  
(Hindustan Park, Calcutta-29).

**H**EARTY congratulations to the Indian hockey team for their fantastic performance in the Champions Trophy Hockey.

Though our boys only secured the third place, our boys showed great determination in the matches against West Germany and Pakistan.

Our new players showed better promise and understanding than the veterans Romeo James in the goal, Joaquim Carvalho, the centre-half and Jagdeep Singh Gill as the spearhead showed excellent form.

Shahid thrilled the crowd with his brilliant stick-work against West Germany

when he netted the winner in the dying stages of the game.

Good luck India, you need it badly for the coming Asian Games.

—Brahmananda Rath,  
(S.C.S. College, Puri)

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**T**HE Champions Trophy for India was the same old story repeated time and again. Missed opportunities, slackness in defence and bad conversions of penalty corners caused our downfall.

S.S. Sodhi, the captain (sic) was a misfit on the strike line. We should thank our coach Balbir Singh for his timely and perfect replacements.

Holland and Australia proved to be too superior to us. They outplayed us in every department of the game.

One thing should be kept in mind by the IHF bosses, that this is the best team we have come up with in recent times and it will be of no use if we change the coaches and the manager because under these two people we got the third position instead of the fifth.

—S.R. Chitale  
(Thane 1)



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## Kapil, thou art a hero

**H**ATS off to the valiant man from Haryana, Kapil Dev, for his electrifying innings of 89 and a well-deserved 'Man of the Match' award. It is indeed a pity that he could not complete what could probably have been the fastest Test century.

Lets hope that our team rebuilds its self-confidence and revive its prestige in the forthcoming Test.

—T.D. Govindarajan,  
(Tilaknagar, Chembur).

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**K**APIL DEV deserves our felicitations for becoming only the second-all-rounder in India's Test history to complete 150 wickets and 1,500 runs.

—S.S. Manekshaw,  
(Hyderabad).

## Lord's, the nemesis

**S**O India has once again lost a Test at Lord's. One really fails to understand the antipathy that the Indian batsmen hold for the 'Mecca' of Test cricket.

Out of the ten Tests played so far (including the Golden Jubilee Test), India has managed to draw seven of them, but is yet to win a Test at Lord's.

Kudos to Bob Willis and Co. for winning the first Test, the very first for him too as a skipper. Contrary to the belief that good bowlers make bad captains and vice versa, Willis' performance both as a captain and as a bowler were outstanding.

And as if that was not enough, he notched up a gallant 28, which was instrumental in making the tail wag a bit too much. Willis managed to overpower Gavaskar's both bat and brain!

From the Indian point of view, the only silver lining of the dark Test was Vengsarkar's marathon 157 and Kapil Dev's superb display of batting prowess, which was enough to put Botham's innings into shade.

Also with eight good wicket tucked under his belt, this lion-hearted speedster from Haryana has once again proved that he is as good as Botham, if not better, that too in the Englishmen's own back yard!

Keep up the magnificent work, Kapil, we are proud of you.

Anita Panicker,  
(Dharampeth, Nagpur).

## Good show, England

**C**ONGRATS England, especially Willis for asserting their supremacy over India in the first Test.

On the other hand, one can't help praying to save the Indian's from suffering yet another defeat. Our middle-order batting is still vulnerable to genuine fast run-swing bowling. Finally our bowling, barring the brilliant Kapil Dev looks below par.

—H. Raghavender Rao,  
(Iran Colony, Hyderabad)

**H**EARTIEST congratulations to Vengsarkar for his marvellous 157 at Lord's against England in the first Test which left no doubt about his superb batting form.

And my congratulations also extend to Kapil Dev for his excellent knock of 41 and 89 plus his fantastic bowling which fetched him the 'Man of the Match' award.

—Ashok Shenoy,  
(Chembur, Bombay).

**T**HROUGH the columns of your esteemed sports weekly, I congratulate Bob Willis, the new English captain on the magnificent victory over India in the Lord's Test.

However, the performance of Vengsarkar and Kapil Dev will be remembered for a long time.

—G.H. Bhawnani,  
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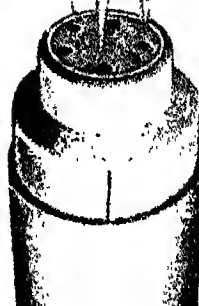


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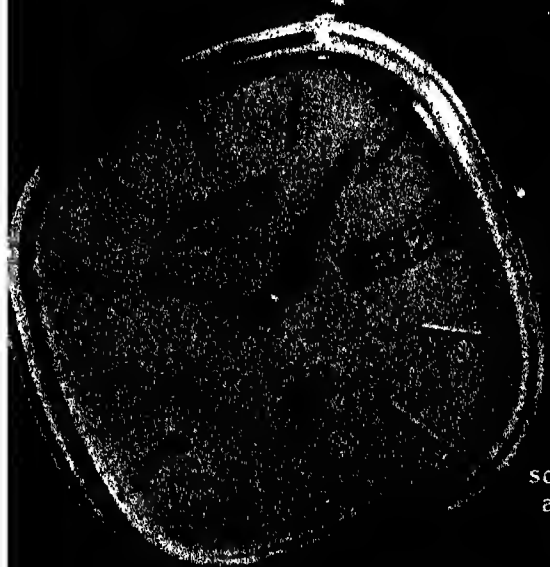
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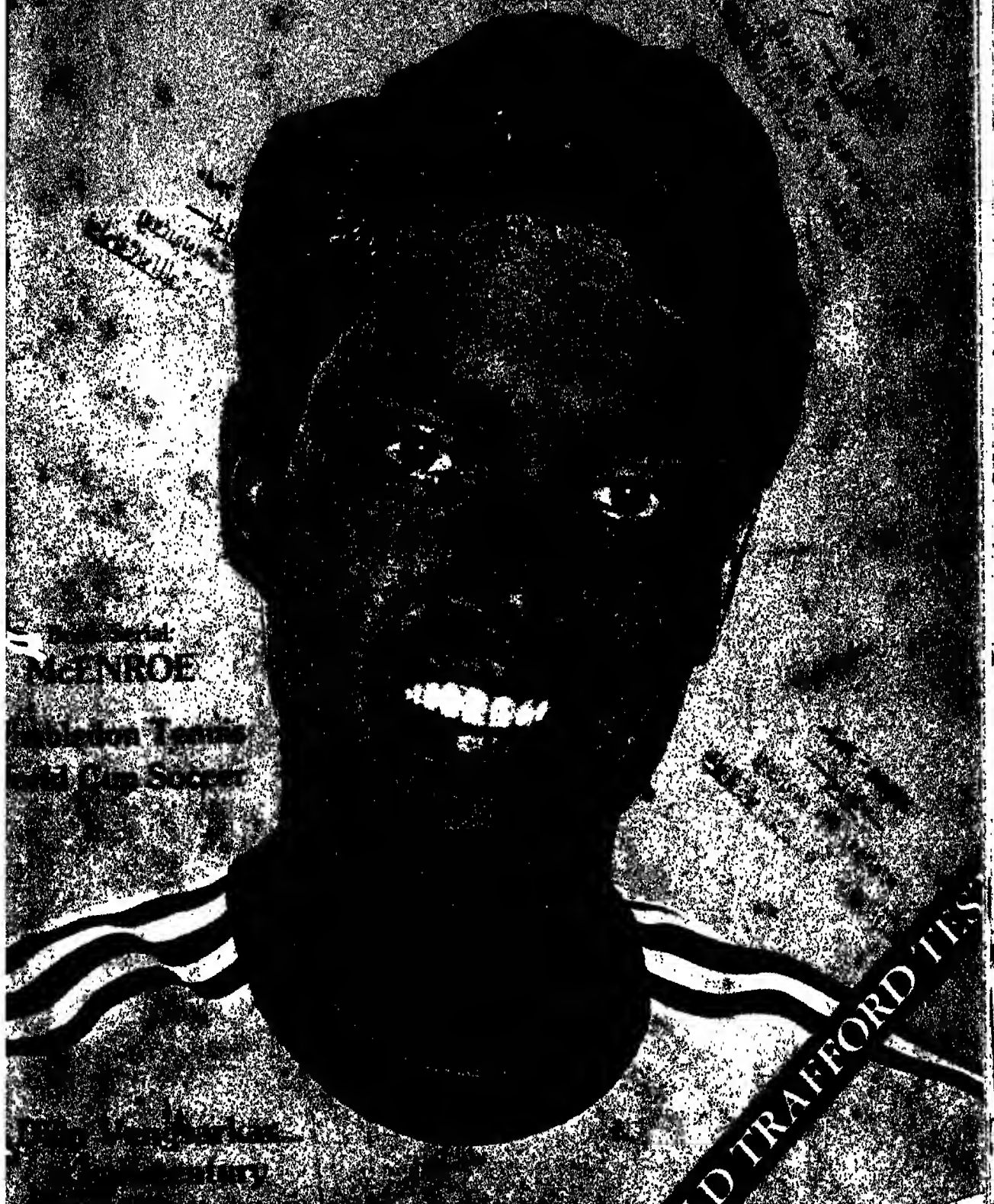
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## Cover

**S**CORING a century at Lord's is considered to be a rare honour for

any cricketer but to India's Dilip Vengsarkar it now seems to be a customary affair



On his first appearance at Lord's in 1979 Vengsarkar hit a brilliant unbeaten ton to save India from an innings defeat and the other day at the same venue he emulated his earlier showing. He saved his country from being humiliated and disgraced by scoring a majestic 157 which took India's total to respectability. Dilip is the only Indian to hit two consecutive Test centuries at Lord's which is, by any rating, a laudable achievement.

Since the Calcutta Test against England in the domestic series, Dilip has adopted a positive approach and seems to be attacking the bowlers rather than playing with his pads. This has indeed yielded good results for the country and to himself.

Transparency Sharad Tiwari



# Gill's removal unfortunate

**W**ITH less than five months to go the main head of the Asian Games Secretariat S.S. Gill has been so to say removed. In Government parlance he has been transferred and will take over as secretary, Minorities Commission.

Gill was the Secretary General of the Special Organising Committee and brought to fill in this spot by the former chairman V.C. Shukla in the middle of 1980. Now after a two-year stint during which Delhi was taken on a new look with new stadiums, flyovers and what not Gill has been asked to go.

The announcement about his removal has been made in a very indirect manner. One had to read the lead story on the political pages of newspapers for it has his name along with many others in a major reshuffle at the secretariat's level. To many Gill's transfer was a routine one. But those even remotely connected with the Asian Games know different.

Gill was being removed because he

trod on important feet. Two officers connected with the secretariat resigned last year and Lt. Gen Harbaksh Singh resigned recently. All these resignations were attributed to Gill or his inability to pull on with others.

It is difficult to believe that this competent and well mannered gentleman could have so many opinions against him. The weekly press briefings gave a totally different impression, often casting Gill in the role of a moderator checking the enthusiasm of the technical director G.M. Muthiah.

Apparently Gill's efficiency was not in doubt. But what is obvious is that quite a few people in the secretariat who are there because of their political links did not like Gill and had the strings pulled from the right quarters. Not one of them — those who caused the strings to be pulled and those who ordered the transfers — gave a thought to the damage Gill's removal at this stage was doing to the Asian Games.

But Asian Games, New Delhi is a

political play and Gill and others are merely bureaucrats at the mercy of politicians. One would think that Gill's transfer at this juncture had nothing to do with the string pullers, but then that would be wrong. Some one who has no clue to the importance of Gill to Asian Games has done this wrong deed.

Gill in his quiet way has achieved a miracle. If tomorrow the games are successful the chief architect would be S.S. Gill and not any of the others.

The new incumbent is K. Shankaran Nair, a former intelligence man and one of the five deputy chairmen in the Special Organising Committee. Since he has been a part of the organisation he should be able to continue Gill's job without much difficulty and the fact that he has access to the highest authorities is the extra plus point. In any case he has only to see the job finished, the job which S.S. Gill started and saw it through to near completion.

SW Correspondent

# 'twas White vs Black

**T**HE richest ever heavyweight boxing match between champion Larry Holmes, 32, and challenger Gerry Cooney, 25, for the World Boxing council title at the Caesar's Palace, Las Vegas, became an ugly contest between a White man and Black man.

Before the \$50 million promotion was done, the contest between Holmes a black, who retained the title, and Cooney, the white challenger, attained racist twist as several short-sighted whites in this country dubbed the challenger as a "White American Hope". Sweden's (?) Ingemar Johanson was the last white to hold the heavyweight title.

The fight, in which both the fighters earned \$10 million apiece was widely projected as a real life sequence to the movie "Rocky". In fact two days before the June 11 fight in sweltering heat and glaring television lights, "Rocky III"'s star, Sylvester Stallone was with Cooney at the final training session. Time magazine in its cover featured Cooney with Stallone and Sports Illustrated magazine also had Cooney on cover with Holmes on the inside flap. This greatly insulted the black champion.

Before the fight, one of Cooney's co-manager, Mike Jones, made a rather ridiculous statement: "Gerry is not only

a great fighter, he is an image of America—the America we like to think about."

Commenting on this observation, George Vecsey, a sports columnist for the respected New York Times newspaper wrote: "But what does he mean We?"

During the fight, when Cooney was down and under, another of his co-manager, Dennis Rappaport, was heard screaming to his ward between rounds to win "for your dead father," to "win it for America," to win it because "America needs you."

## God's children

Commenting on this polarization among boxing fans, Holmes said: "I didn't fight for black or white or Spanish. I fought for the people. I should say we are all God's children as long as we love each other. I see no colour. When I see Gerry Cooney, I see a human being trying to take my head off. I was trying to protect myself."

In scoring a boxing fight, judges often see what they want to see and on June 11, two judges, Ford and Moretti, wanted to see a white heavyweight champion.

Cooney has won all his 25 previous

bouts with 22 knockouts. Since winning the crown four years ago, Holmes, a native of Easton, Pennsylvania, has defended it 12 times, with only one of those bouts, against Canadian Trevor Berbick, going the 15-round limit. Holmes's veteran trainer Eddie Futch, describes his fighter as "clean liver." "He doesn't smoke or drink. He's in gym two or three times a week, whether he's got a fight coming up or not. He's always in condition."

On the other hand, Cooney, despite a awesome left hook, is an inexperienced fighter. Commenting on the fight, Cooney conceded: "I guess I just wasn't ready." Boxing observers described Cooney's effort as "rusty", because he had not fought for 13 months and had worked only six rounds in 30 months.

There is already talk about a rematch but before that Cooney will have to go back to the gym and sharpen his rough edges. Holmes was asked if he would do it again. His response: "Next time, don't want parity (in money). I want \$100 more."

In the meantime, Holmes proposes to relax at his Easton home with his wife, Dianne, awaiting their second child.

NARAYAN KESHAVAN

# Spectacular Sandeep

— By Dicky Rutnagar —

**B**UT for the washout of play after lunch on the second day, the delayed start on the third, followed by repeated interruptions, the second Cornhill Test at Old Trafford might have produced a classic finish. It did not matter that the final day was blank for by then the dye was cast.

The scorecard might suggest that this test was as boring as any of the five draws between the same adversaries at home last year, but, in fact, its memory will be treasured by all who saw it.

The gems of the water-logged drawn Test were the centuries of Ian Botham for England and Sandeep Patil for India. Both were scored under intense pressure for England were 161 for five not long after Botham arrived at the wicket and Patil began his innings when India were in very real danger of being made to follow on.

Unlike Botham, Patil was playing not only for the survival of his side but his own future in Test cricket. For sheer polish, I would place this latest innings ahead of his epic 174 at Adelaide.

Both were spectacular and exciting to watch, but the Adelaide effort was all instinct and inspiration and the bowling admittedly stronger on that occasion, looked to have more chance of getting Patil out than did England's this time. Moreover, the Adelaide pitch was a better one to bat on.

Patil batted with a lot of commonsense and discretion. He is a batsman of personality who likes to express himself, and yet he was quite willing to play second fiddle to Kapil Dev and that after he had progressed through his first 25 runs in top gear.

That over of Willis, in which Patil reached his century from the fifth of six fours was a stirring experience.

I happened to glance at the players' balcony at the time and noticed that one of the happiest faces was that of Ashok Malhotra, the man whom Patil displaced from the team.

Malhotra's beaming face and his enthusiastic applause were testimony to the magnificent team spirit in Gavaskar's side.

Apart from showing him to be a

fearless and dashing strokeplayer, this innings of Patil's also gave evidence of his defensive technique which served him in good stead against Edmonds and Miller, particularly the former, who got awkward turn at the rough end of the pitch—the Siretford End at which Dilip Doshi had got all his six wickets during England's innings.

While India came out of the Test



*A batsman of personality who likes to express himself... Sandeep Patil batted with commonsense and discretion*

match with pride and with an equal share of glory, they cannot in view of the disparity in bowling resources, consider themselves England's peers.

This was one of the rare Test matches when Kapil Dev, the Haryana all-rounder, failed to take a wicket. It was not because he bowled badly but because he was out of luck on that first morning when the conditions were heavy and the ball moved about. He beat the bat several times but to no avail.

These things do happen but a batting side cannot get away in conditions amenable to seam bowling of the opposition if it has a larger armoury of pace bowlers. It was just as well that Madan Lal bowled so diligently that day but India sadly lacked one more pace bowler of adequate class.

Suru Nayak looked out of his depth and it would have been better if they had played an additional spinner in Shivalal Yadav, even if he has not taken enough wickets to press his claims for a Test place.

Even the one spinner India included—as opposed to England's two—was not properly handled. Initially, Doshi's first spell was from the wrong end in that he was made to bowl to the one with a longer growth of grass.

Doshi turned in one of the finest performances of his career. His accuracy and control undiminished by having to bowl for hour after hour without a rest and often without the bowler opposite him exerting any pressure. Patil and Doshi were the outstanding Indian performers of this Test. Kapil Dev, the bowler, played his part even if he did not take a wicket by keeping England's batsman on such a tight leash on the first morning. As a batsman, Kapil Dev was again to the fore with a marvellous innings of 65 in a crisis but it would have been less easy for Patil and Kapil Dev to mount their offensive had the sting of the English bowling not been drawn by superlative batting in the morning by Viswanath and Kirmani together in the lowly and frightening situation of 35 for three. Little blame can be attached to the failures. The situation was wrought more by a brilliant opening spell by Willis which was notable as much for his unerring aim and his speed.

# Brilliant cricket

— By Henry Blofeld —

**T**HE second Test match may have been ruined as a contest by the appalling weather but it was a game which produced an astonishing amount of brilliant cricket starting with Ian Botham's 128 and ending with Sandeep Patil's remarkable 129 not out.

There were also good betting performances from Geoff Cook and Geoff Miller for England and from Gundappa Viswanath, Syed Kirmani and Kapil Dev for India while Dilip Doshi was the outstanding bowler. In spite of the high scoring this was not an altogether satisfactory pitch. It was patchy before the start, especially at the Stoddard End where there was very little grass. Batting was never particularly easy and it was extraordinary how both sides started badly and were then taken to respectability by the lower middle order.

While England brought the same twelve to Old Trafford they had taken to Lord's for the first Test. Injury forced the selectors to leave out Paul Allott on his home ground and Geoff Miller came into the side. India made three changes: one positional, Ghulam Paker and Ashok Malhotra were dropped and Suru Nayak and Sandeep Patil came into the side while Ravi Shastri moved up the order to open the innings with Sunil Gavaskar.

Bob Willis won the toss for the second Test running and decided to bat. It was clear at once that the pitch had an uneven bounce as Kapil Dev made some bells fly past the batsman's body while

others went through to the wicket-keeper on the second bounce. England's opening pair of Geoff Cook and Chris Tavaré were in no mood to hurry and runs came slowly. Tavaré was badly out of touch and could not time the ball and Cook, knowing that this was probably his last chance, played with understandable care.

Both batsmen began with fours through the slips off the edge against Kapil Dev and I thought the Indian slip fielders stood rather too deep on the first day. Two early chances went down when Cook, playing forward to Kapil Dev, was dropped by Gavaskar diving to his left at second slip. It was a difficult catch.

They took their stand to 106 without any real conviction when Cook pushed forward to Doshi and was bowled by one which turned and hit his off stump. Cook's 66 was much his biggest and his best innings in Test cricket. He is a good solid player in English conditions but I have my doubts about him if he should be picked for Australian pitches with their steeper bounce.

Allan Lamb was quickly off the mark and played one lovely hook off Madan Lal and was then undone by overconfidence. He tried to drive a wide half-volley in the same over and the catch was knocked up at second slip by Gavaskar and held by Viswanath at first.

David Gower did not last long being well caught at backward short leg when he played Madan Lal away off his legs.



*Ian Botham struck the ball well to score 128 runs*

By now Doshi was bowling with great skill from the Warwick Road End and with the score on 161 he took the wickets of Tavaré and Derek Randall in one over. After batting for three and a half hours, he came down the pitch to on-drive and was beaten in the air and bowled. Three balls later Randall played back to another that turned and was caught behind. By then Botham was already striking the ball well and he was now joined by Miller and they put on 78 by the close on the first day without being separated.

Botham was in magnificent form as he drove square cut and pulled. Both batsmen were especially severe against the medium-paced offerings of Suru Nayak and although Miller played very much the secondary role there was a greater decisiveness about his stroke play than I can remember.

England began the second day at 239 for 5 with the second new ball only three overs old. Surprisingly Gavaskar started the day with Nayak and not Madan Lal as Kapil Dev's partner.

Botham had only scored eight more runs when he was hit on the left toe by



*England opener Geoff Cook survives an enthusiastic appeal by wicketkeeper Syed Kirmani for a catch taken by Dilip Doshi at silly point. AP*

## Old Trafford Test

full toss from Nayak and had to have the toe of his boot cut away before he could continue. He now had Gower as a runner and dealt almost exclusively in fours and sixes, hitting nine fours and two sixes after he had been joined by a runner. It was a prodigious display of hitting and he came to his tenth for England and his eighteenth first class hundred. When Doshi came on soon after, he had reached three figures, he celebrated by coming down the pitch to his first ball and straight driving out of the ground for a six. Botham's innings ended when the score was 330 and he came down the wicket to Shastri and drove the ball into his foot and it rolled back onto his stumps.

It had been as memorable an innings as the 118 he hit off the Australians in the fifth Test at Old Trafford a year earlier.

Soon afterwards Miller covered Doshi for four to reach his fifty and England were 340 for 6 at the close of play on the second day.

They batted on the following day and Willis' intention was to build a big enough score to give himself a chance of beating India by an innings. Derek Pringle and Phil Edmonds gave Miller some useful support of the start and when Miller made room and square cut Doshi for four to reach 98, it seemed that he must score the first first-class hundred which has eluded him for so long. He is 29 years old but he then pushed half instead of fully forward to the very next ball and Dilip Vengsarkar swooped forward from silly point and took a fine catch.

Miller had batted for 324 minutes and had hit thirteen fours. The innings ended soon after yet another break for



India's close-in fielders jubilate as England's Geoff Miller is caught two runs short of his maiden Test century by Vengsarkar off Doshi—AP

bad light and Doshi finished with the magnificent figures of six for 102 in 47.1 overs. This was much his best piece of bowling on the tour and he fully deserved such outstanding figures. He spun the ball sharply at times and used all his skillful variation of flight and pace in the second half of the match.

Edmonds was unable to achieve anything like the same effect although he bowled from the same end.

India were left with eleven overs to face on the third evening and once again they could hardly have made a worse start against Willis who worked up a fierce pace and Pringle who opened the bowling in the absence of Botham with his bruised toe. In Willis' second over Shastri could only fend a short one round the corner to Geoff Cook at

backward short leg and in his third over Gavaskar played back to another one which lifted and was beautifully caught low to his left by Tavare at second slip. Soon after that with the score 25 for two Vengsarkar tried to drive Pringle past covers and was well caught by Randall at fourth slip and India ended the day at 35 for 3.

The next morning Viswanath and Kirmani, the nightwatchman, began what became a truly memorable fight back. They put on 87 with scarcely a false stroke and while Viswanath played some of those lovely square-drives Kirmani contributed some nice shots of his own. They had put on 87 when Viswanath suddenly played a wild slashing cut at a short ball from Botham who was fit to bowl although he obviously suffered some inconvenience. It was a careless stroke.

Yashpal Sharma did not last long being bowled by one from Phil Edmonds which kept extremely low. His dismissal brought in Patil to join Kirmani who now reached a very hard fought fifty.

Eventually at 173 Kirmani's resistance ended when Edmonds turned one round his forward stroke and hit his off stump.

India were then 173 for 6 needing 52 more to save the follow on. From the moment he came in at 136 for 5, Patil was clearly determined to hit his way back into form and he began by driving the fast bowlers and cutting and putting the spinners in grand style. He made 21 out of his 35-run stand with Kirmani but was then sensibly content to take second place when Kapil Dev hit 65 or their 96-run partnership with a series of glorious strokes. At one point he took four fours in an over. In his end, with Patil playing some good strokes at the other end, I have never seen two Indians batting together who hit the ball with such tremendous power. Kapil Dev got himself out when he tried to make room to cut Miller and was caught behind.

Now Patil took over and played what was probably an even greater innings.



What shall we look at? Rain stopping play at Wimbledon or Old Trafford?

than his 174 in Adelaide, although the bowling now was weaker than in Australia had been. Then he played all the strokes with a straight bat and it was wonderful piece of batting.

England took the new ball, but rather than stop the flow of runs, they now came even faster as Patil found a legitimate attacking stroke for just about every ball bowled. He went to his hundred in a phenomenal burst of scoring against Willis whom he hit for twenty-four in a seven-ball over (one was a no-ball). This is a record in a Test match in England. Andy Roberts took 24 in one over from Ian Botham in the West Indies in 1980-81.

Patil drove, hooked and cut in superb style and the strokes went through the field like a tidal wave. At the end of the fourth day he was 129 not out, having batted for three and a half hours and hit two sixes and eighteen fours. He received fine support near the end of the day from Madan Lal and they put on 97 in 76 minutes and at the close India were 379 for 8.

A series of showers, some extremely heavy, prevented any play on the last day, but by then there was no likelihood of a result and the cricket would have been only of academic interest.

## SCORE-BOARD

**INDIA v ENGLAND (Second Test)**  
Played at Old Trafford June 24, 25, 26, 27 1982 (Last day's play washed out)

Result: Drawn  
Toss: Won by England  
Test debut: Suresh Nayak  
Umpires: Dicky Bird and Barry Meyer

### England

G. Cook b Doshi	66
C.J. Tavare b Doshi	57
A.J. Lamb c Viswanath b Madan Lal	9
D.I. Gower c Shastri b Madan Lal	9
I.T. Botham b Shastri	128
D.W. Randall c Kirmani b Doshi	0
G. Miller c Vengsarkar b Doshi	98
D.R. Pringle c Kirmani b Doshi	23
P.H. Edmonds c Kirmani b Madan Lal	12
R.W. Taylor not out	1
R.G.D. Willis c Gavaskar b Doshi	6
Extras	18

Total 425

**FALL OF WICKETS:** 1-106, 2-117, 3-141, 4-161, 5-161, 6-330, 7-382, 8-412, 9-419

**BOWLING:** Kapil Dev 36-5-109-0, Madan Lal 36-9-104-3, Nayak 12-1-50-0, Doshi 41-1-17-102-6, Shastri 23-8-44-1

### INDIA

S.M. Gavaskar c Tavare b Willis	2
R. Shastri c Cook b Willis	0
D.B. Vengsarkar c Randall b Pringle	12
G.R. Viswanath c Taylor b Botham	54
Yashpal Sharma b Edmonds	10
S.M. Patil not out	129
S.M.H. Kirmani b Edmonds	58
Kapil Dev c Taylor b Miller	65
Madan Lal b Edmonds	26
S.V. Nayak not out	2
Extras	21

Total (for 8 wks) 379

**FALL OF WICKETS:** 1-6, 2-8, 3-25, 4-112, 5-135, 6-173, 7-269, 8-370

**BOWLING:** Willis 17-2-94-2, Pringle 15-4-33-1, Edmonds 37-12-94-3, Botham 19-4-85-1, Miller 16-4-51-1

# What a silly choice!

**FRED TRUEMAN** spent some time last week in front of the mirror

He was toning up facial muscles needed for grimaces and scowls

Len Hutton poured linseed oil on his treasured five-grain natural willows.

And Brian Close was last seen swinging from tree to tree in his garden, it being his way of limbering up for the forthcoming fray

Were the situation not so serious the return of that half-century Ray Illingworth would be laughable. Either way, it is ludicrous.

Deep down Ray and his immediate boss, Ron Burnett, whom I have known for more years than the three of us care to remember, will agree with me

That a 50-year-old man—proficient batsman and off-spinner though he was, great student of the game and tactician that he always will be—should be recalled to captain Yorkshire is, as they might say at Pudsey St Lawrence, 'bloody draft'

The one good thing to come out of it is the endorsement of my long-held and oft-expounded belief that a football style manager of a county cricket team is neither use nor ornament

Cutting through all the corn, cackle and coyness surrounding the announcement, the most illuminating reason for Ray's appointment is that the team are short on tactics, particularly regarding the one-day game.

To arrive at this conclusion, Yorkshire have, since appointing him as manager, gone through as captains, Geoff Boycott, Jack Hampshire (now with Derbyshire) and Chilly Old.

Three widely-experienced Test cricketers with between them almost 60 years of Yorkshire cricket knowledge all brought up on limited-over cricket of the Leagues don't understand tactics?

I refuse to believe it. The blunt truth is that when Yorkshire had a good team

they had bowlers like Trueman and Don Wilson who could bat a bit, batsmen like Ken Taylor, Boycott and Hampshire who could bowl a bit

Supplementing them were specialist fielders such as Phil Sharpe and a couple of excellent all-rounders in Close and Illingworth

Now the county seems to have bowlers who can't bowl and batsmen who can't bat. Full stop

—ALAN THOMPSON

## Doshi's lost opportunity

It is quite unbelievable that Dilip Doshi, a slow left-arm bowler off a three yard run, should be no-balled 10 times.

Compounding that professional carelessness was the fact that the prolific Ian Botham was caught off one of those no-balls

Botham would have played the same shot whether the delivery had been a no-ball or not—now he has scored 60, with possibly 20 more runs to come today

Doshi must be angry with himself because the ball was turning, which made the selection of Geoff Miller and Phil Edmonds a happy decision for England

Geoff Cook played well and looked the better of the two England openers. Chris Tavare never really found his form

But I must indict the two England openers for accepting to go off for had light when offered it by the umpires.

England were 80 for no wicket at the time, and Cook and Tavare had to go through the process of playing themselves back in

I sometimes despair for cricket when I see that kind of thing happen

JIM LAKER

## Prashant Kamat—R.I.P.



OF the 17 who died in the Air-India Boeing crash in Bombay last Tuesday, eight were young local cricketers and sports enthusiasts who were part of a 12-member sports Promotion Club team from Dadar and Shivaji Park which had gone to play in Singapore

The leader and manager of the team

was Prashant Kamat, well-known in the Bombay cricket circles as a willing worker and hard-working organiser. He perished in the crash along with his younger brother Mangesh, a second-year medical student, Milind Dabir, L.P. Kotian, Srikrishna Rane, Sunil Chitale, D.C. Joshi and M.V. Phatak. Two other cricketers of the party, Vijay Shetty and Subhash Kelkar, were injured

Prashant Kamat was a sub-committee member of the Bombay Cricket Association. He was the local manager during the cricket Board's tournaments in the city and was secretary of the Eleven 77 club and Reserve Bank S.C., besides being associated with Mahim Juvenile S.C., Dahisar C.C. and Shivaji Park youngsters—RIP.



# Botham—the best

— By Sharad Kotnis —

**R**EMEMBER Bobby Simpson—the man who came out of retirement to lead Australia to victory against India in 1978 at the age of 42 when Aussies were left with a young side after the leading players had defected to Kerry Packer

Simpson now 46, with his charming wife Meg, who assists him in his business, were in Bombay for two days as guests of Air India and left for Singapore in the early hours of last Saturday

The Simpsons were on a business trip to the continent to popularise their produce—"Simpson Turf"—a synthetic

ground and the pavilion of the MIG Cricket Club in Bandra (East) and spent an hour with the young cricketers, giving them invaluable tips and answering their questions on the present state of the game

He told them that he was a product of a similar small club in a Sydney suburb and therefore liked the surroundings in which the MIG Club was situated. He promised to come for a day next year, while in Bombay, and perhaps play a match on that ground

Simpson feels that the standard of the game has gone up in the last ten years. Today the game is more organised and

Harvey, Norman O'Neill and Sunil Gavaskar. There were others like Geoff Boycott and Bill Lawry, who were not natural cricketers, but made up for this shortcoming with a lot of dedication and hard work

Simpson was full of praise for the Indian team led by Bedi in 1978. Their team spirit was superb and that's how they came back from a 0-2 deficit to win the next two Tests. The batting of the 1981 Indian team that drew the series one-one was a little brittle

After seeing Sandeep Patil's 174 at Adelaide, Simpson could not believe that he was passing through a lean trot and had been out of the Indian Test side till the second Test against England at Old Trafford. Simpson believes that stroke-players like Sandeep are 'on and off' players, performing, not consistently, but once in a way but stressed that players like Sandeep could win matches on their own on their day

About Gavaskar, Simpson felt that he could have performed more consistently and broken more records in the last two or three years but for the cares of the captaincy. These days he did not play his strokes as freely as he has to carry the side on his shoulders

Talking about the current Test at Old Trafford, Simpson was surprised that the wicket had become slow. In his days the Old Trafford wicket used to be a fast one. He talked with feeling of his 311 at the same venue in 1964 which ensured that the Aussies kept the Ashes

On the state of Australian cricket, Simpson felt that the three-year experiment with Packer, bringing in the one day and night cricket innovations had certainly helped the game. Down Under, crowd had started coming in in large numbers and there is more in the game by way of money for everybody connected with it. The dual tours and triangular one-day contests have come to stay

Simpson considered Gary Sobers as the greatest allrounder the game has seen. There will not be anything like him again, he said. Ian Botham, he considers to be the best allrounder in the game today

Lastly, Simpson inquired about his contemporaries in India and how they were faring. He asked about Polly Umrigar, Bapu Nadkarni, Hanuman Singh, Mansur Ali Khan, Ajit Wadekar and Bishan Singh Bedi and lastly Chandu Borde, who was responsible, with his gritty batting, for India's victory against the Simpson-led Aussies at the Drabourne Stadium in 1965



Bobby Simpson and his wife Meg

surface which can be used for cricket and tennis

Bobby also promotes sale for Air India in Sydney and that is how he spent two days as their guests in Bombay doing a little shopping and meeting old friends among them were some of his cricketing contemporaries. Meg Simpson spent a lot of time at Handloom House and the Khadi and Village Industries Emporium

In spite of a very busy schedule, Simpson found time to visit the new

the players are thoroughly professional. Cricketers are getting more than what they used to get during his time and that is good for the game. But with this professional approach, other things like disputing the umpires' decisions, gamesmanship and other aspects had cropped up which were not there in such abundance in the last generation

Simpson said that there were two kinds of cricketers. Some were born cricketers and in this category he mentioned Peter May, Ted Dexter, Neil

# Chauhan—most valuable opener

—By B.B. Mama—

**U**PTO and including the first Test at Lord's on June 10 1982 Sunil Gavaskar has played 136 Test innings—134 of them as opening batsman and two other innings lower in the order at No. 8 in the second innings of the 1972/73 Madras Test against England and at No. 6 in the second innings of the 1979/80 Calcutta Test against Pakistan.

In his 134 Test innings as an opening batsman Gavaskar has been paired with as many as 16 different partners—59 times with Chetan Chauhan 18 with Anshuman Gaekwad 12 with Ashok Mankad 10 with Dilip Vengsarkar 7 with Farokh Engineer 6 with Krishnamoorti Srikanth 4 with Ramnath Parkar and 3 with Pranob Roy.

Those who have been paired with Gavaskar as his opening partner in two innings are: Abid Ali Fakhrul Solkar, Sudhir Naik, Parthasarathy Sharma, Mohinder Amarnath, Roger Binny and the greatest centurion, Ghulam Parkar (twice). Hemant Karkar has opened with Gavaskar just once.

It should be noted that in the first inning of the 1978/79 Bombay Test, West Indies two batsmen, Chetan Chauhan and Mohinder Amarnath, shared the opening lot with Gavaskar. Chauhan retiring out after the first 25 runs and Mohinder getting out after adding 12 more runs. To avoid confusion in the total tally of 134 Test innings by Gavaskar as an opener only

123*	with Ashok Mankad	v WI (Georgetown)	1970/71
135	with Farokh Engineer	v Eng (Bombay)	1972/73
131	with Farokh Engineer	v Eng (Lord's)	1974
136	with Anshuman Gaekwad	v WI (Kingston)	1975/76
120	with Anshuman Gaekwad	v NZ (Bombay)	1976/77
192	with Chetan Chauhan	v Pak (Lahore)	1978/79
153	with Chetan Chauhan	v WI (Bombay)	1978/79
(in second innings after a fourth wicket century stand with an injured Chauhan in the first)			
119	with Chetan Chauhan	v WI (Delhi)	1978/79
124	with Chetan Chauhan	v Eng (Birmingham)	1979
213	with Chetan Chauhan	v Eng (The Oval)	1979
114	with Chetan Chauhan	v Aus (Kanpur)	1979/80
192	with Chetan Chauhan	v Aus (Bombay)	1979/80
125	with Chetan Chauhan	v Pak (Kanpur)	1979/80
165	with Chetan Chauhan	v Aus (Melbourne)	1980/81
114	with Chetan Chauhan	v NZ (Christchurch)	1980/81
102	with K. Srikanth	v Eng (Bangalore)	1981/82

Chauhan has been credited as his partner though Mohinder technically speaking could be said to have partnered Gavaskar as an opening pair twice and not twice as stated.

Seven of Gavaskar's partners were making their Test debut when they

opened India's innings with him (the bracketted numerals giving their scores)—Ramnath Parkar (4 & 35) at Delhi 1972/73, Sudhir Naik (4 & 77) at Birmingham 1974, Hemant Karkar (18 in second innings) at Bangalore 1974/75, Dilip Vengsarkar (7 & 6) at Auckland 1975/76, Srikanth (0 & 13) at Bombay, Pranob Roy (6 & 60\*) at Madras both in the 1981/82 series against England and now Ghulam Parkar (6 & 1) at Lord's 1982.

Ever since the Indian Test selectors committed the crime nay worse perpetrated the blunder of dropping Chetan Chauhan after the 1980/81 Auckland Test Gavaskar has struggled through his last 11 innings with three different partners: Srikanth, Pranob Roy and Ghulam Parkar without registering a 50 runs stand barring one century partnership with Srikanth on an easy wicket at Bangalore in 1981/82.

In this context it is interesting to note the breakup of Gavaskar's 134 Test innings as an opener with his various partners. A century stand has been recorded 16 times, fifty runs partnerships 20 times, stands worth 10 to 49 runs on 62 occasions, single digit partnerships (one to nine runs) 28 times and partnerships dissolved without a run on the board seven times.

Need one add that Gavaskar and Chauhan currently hold the Test records for India's highest stand for the first wicket in all series against England (213 runs), Australia (192), West Indies (153) and Pakistan (192)?

(To be continued)



Gavaskar and Chauhan the two currently hold the Test records for India's highest stand for the first wicket against England, Australia, Pakistan and West Indies

# Zaheer does it again

**Z**AHEER ABBAS of Pakistan and Gloucestershire equalled a world record on June 2-4, 1982, when he scored 162 not out and 107 in the match vs Lancashire at Gloucester.

By doing so, he achieved the feat of centuries in each innings of a first-class match for the seventh time, thus equalling the record hitherto held solely by Walter Hammond of England and Gloucestershire. What an amazing coincidence that both the joint record-holders have represented the same county!

Just for the record, only two others (Glenn Turner and Jack Hobbs) have performed this feat six times, and just one other player (Charles Fry) five times.

Zaheer's performance actually incorporates another quite fantastic record in

108	128	Gloucestershire	vs Surrey	(The Oval)	1927
139	143	Gloucestershire	vs Surrey	(Cheltenham)	1928
119*	177	England	vs Australia	(Adelaide)	1928-29
122	111*	Gloucestershire	vs Worcestershire	(Worcester)	1933
104	136	M. C. C.	vs South Australia	(Adelaide)	1936-37
110	123	Gloucestershire	vs Derbyshire	(Burton-upon-Trent)	1938
121	102	England XI	vs Dominions XI	(Lord's)	1945

his tally of hundreds in each innings of a match. He is the only player in first-class cricket to have scored a double-century and a century in each innings of a match on as many as four occasions.

Add to this the mind-boggling fact that he remained not out in all these eight innings!

In 1976, he scored 216\* and 156\* vs Surrey at the Oval, and 230\* and 104\* vs Kent at Canterbury. In 1977, he

scored 205\* and 108\* vs Sussex at Cheltenham. In 1981, he scored 215\* and 150\* vs Somerset at Bath, and 135\* and 128 vs Northamptonshire at Northampton.

Furthermore, during the domestic 1980-81 season in Pakistan, he had scored 100\* and 100\* for Pakistan International Airways vs Railways at Lahore.

After adding the latest instance of the current season (162\* and 107), it will be observed that Zaheer Abbas has aggregated 2,116 runs in these 14 innings pertaining to this record, and since he has been out only twice, this gives him the utterly unbelievable, almost astronomical, batting average of 1058.00!

By comparison, so far as this particular record is concerned, even the all-time great master batsman Walter Hammond's performance appears somewhat tame and sedate. As against Zaheer's four double-hundreds, Hammond has none in his 14 innings as above.

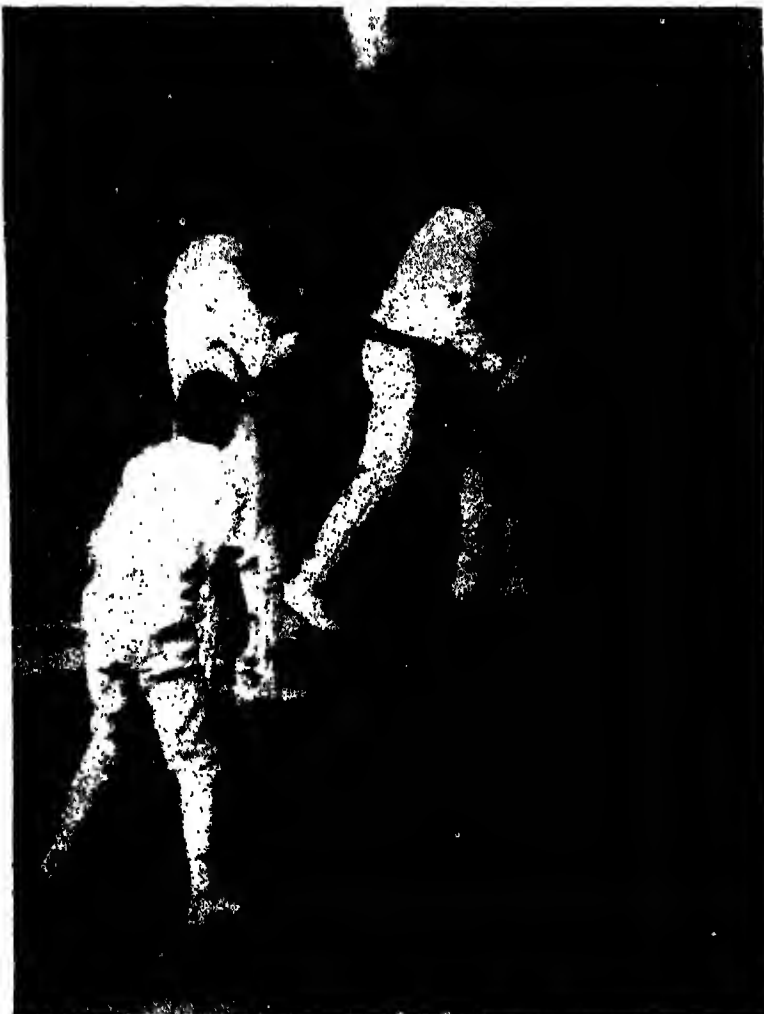
This gives Hammond an aggregate of 1,743 runs, and since he remained not out only twice in 14 innings, he has a much more restrictive and "sensible" batting average of 145.25.

Just for the record, and in fairness to the great Hammond, let it be stated that he holds all the county batting records for Gloucestershire: Most runs in a season (2860, av 69.75, in 1933); most runs in a career (33,664 runs for the county only, av 57.5); most hundreds in a season (13); and, most hundreds in a career (113 for the county only).

Zaheer Abbas holds another striking record which few seem to know. Last season (1981), he compiled 1,016 runs (av 112.88) in the month of June, without having the opportunity to bat in any first-class match in the month of May!

Despite this late start, Zaheer had the distinction of scoring the most runs (2,308) at the end of the 1981 English season, at the same time topping the batting average with a quite imposing 88.69. Next in the averages is another Pakistani, Javed Miandad, with 2,083 runs averaging 69.43.

Will Zaheer and Miandad repeat this twin triumph this year too?



*Zaheer Abbas...achieved the feat of centuries in each innings of a first class match for the seventh time*

# Bengal progress strongly

**I**N his review of the 1951-52 season, the editor of Indian Cricket, who had been in close touch with the championship since its inception, suggested modifications to improve the standard of performances of teams and players. He also exhorted the selectors of the various competing teams to infuse young blood. No heed was paid to his call, at least in reorganising the competition, and any change that one experienced in the following years was caused by the sheer force of circumstances.

However, there was a minor change by increasing the number of zones by one by the formation of the Central Zone. The allocation of the teams to the five zones was as follows: East Zone: Assam, Bihar, Orissa and Bengal; Central Zone: Holkar, Rajputana, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh; North Zone: Delhi, East Punjab, Services (Southern Punjab dropped out); South Zone: Madras, Mysore, Hyderabad, Travancore-Cochin; West Zone: Baroda, Bombay, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Saurashtra. These allocations, with some minor modifications, have stood the test of time till today, for another 30 years.

The shifting of Holkar from the East Zone had a significant effect on the progress of the season's matches. Relieved of the domination that Holkar had exerted in the zone for quite a few years, Bengal progressed strongly from match to match to reach the final, after a lapse of eight seasons. But they had to meet Holkar, after all, in the final, where they played strongly to draw the match, but had to concede it on Holkar's first innings lead.

Holkar, thus regained the trophy, being the fourth triumph since its first in 1944-45. They were an integrated side, each member responding to the inspiring captaincy of the 58-year-old C.K. Nayudu. Holkar won their matches against Rajputana, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra by clear margins, and only in the final had to take the verdict on their first innings lead.

Chandu Sarwate, at 32, had matured into a fine allrounder. He shook off the cold that had descended on him during his trip in the summer to England, hit off three centuries in four matches, and took 18 wickets, the most for his side. He headed Holkar's batting with an average of 101.50. The old war horse Mushtaq Ali maintained his grand manner to score 373 runs, and it was sheer bad luck that he was deprived of centuries on a couple of occasions. Then there was the aggressive knocks of Khandu Rengnekar and the solidity of B.B. Nimbalkar, who headed the aggregate for the season with 474 runs.

This included a magnificent double century in the final against Bengal.

Hiralal Gaikwad (16 wickets), Arjun Nayudu (15) and S.D. Dhanawade (13) formed the core of the Holkar attack along with Sarwate, while the last-named young man played a vital part with the bat in the final to clinch the match for his side.

The strength of Bengal stemmed from the induction of fresh blood in B. Das Gupta, an allrounder, Shome to strengthen the already young stalwarts like S. Bose and P.B. Dutta, the Cambridge Blue, while B. Frank the former Mysore batsman, Girdhari and



Mushtaq Ali...it was sheer bad luck that deprived him of centuries on a couple of occasions

Nirmal Chatterjee contributed significantly to make Bengal's performances in batting to some of the best seen in recent years. S. Banerjee, with 26 wickets to his credit, was not only Bengal's best bowler, but also the season's best. Girdhari, B. Das Gupta, N. Chowdhury and Shome provided him adequate support. The new-look Bengal team was also ably led by Probir Sen, a fine wicketkeeper and not a mean performer with the bat. After drawing against Bihar and taking a favourable decision on their first innings lead Bengal defeated outright Orissa, Services

in the quarter-final and Mysore in the semifinal.

Holkar brushed aside Rajputana challenge in the opening match winning by ten wickets. The right-arm spinner Dhanawade, who took seven for 50 in Rajputana's first innings, and Chandu Sarwate, who scored unbeaten 100 for Holkar cornered the honours of the match. But Attique Hussain, who caused a landslide of the Holkar's lower order batting, and took five wickets for 96, was no much behind them.

Holkar then annihilated Uttar Pradesh by an innings and 328 runs. Uttar Pradesh, who had earlier fought back to defeat Madhya Pradesh by 42 runs after conceding a first innings lead of 76 runs—Balbir Khenna hit up 114 for them—collapsed for 83 and 53 against the versatile Holkar attack. This was, indeed, Sarwate's match, for besides taking eight wickets for 23 runs—his second innings figures were four for eight off five overs—he scored a forceful 149. Nivsarkar, who scored an aggressive 100 in 130 minutes, Mushtaq Ali (72) and Nimbalkar, all took toll of the limited UP bowling to raise a score of 464 runs.

Though Holkar had to concede 331 runs to Maharashtra in the semifinal their better batting strength enabled them to retort with a score of 469 runs. M.V. Mathe made a fine 115 for Maharashtra while Nimbalkar (114) and Rengnekar (153), in an aggressive partnership added 130 runs for the fifth wicket, to set the basis for the good total. Rengnekar, who batted for 290 minutes and hit 18 fours, also added 141 runs in just 90 minutes with Gaikwad (59) for the seventh. With H.T. Dani (91) and Mathe (64) again leading, Maharashtra again scored 369 runs, but Mushtaq Ali (88) and Sarwate made light of their bowling to take Holkar to a fluent victory by seven wickets. Sarwate, unbeaten with 120 (13 fours) and Mushtaq Ali added 180 runs in even time for the third wicket.

Bengal drew with Bihar and were declared winners on their first innings lead, they made 323 and 359 for five declared and Bihar 235 and 140 for seven. Banerjee bowled in great style to take seven for 66 in Bihar's first innings. Dutta (143) and B. Das Gupta (104) were responsible for Bengal's second innings score. Orissa, who had beaten Assam by an innings and 139 runs, thanks to the allround performance of B. Patnaik—87 and five for 21—then suffered a seven-wicket defeat at the hands of Bengal. Orissa did well to contain Bengal for 301 runs, but their batting let them down—126 and, following on 258, the second innings rally being due to a fine knock of 152 by L. Parija. S. Banerjee kept up his form

## Ranji Trophy

taking six for 65 in Orissa's second innings.

Bengal's victory in the quarter-final against Services was significant for the brilliant century of former Mysore star Frank. Good bowling by V.N. Swamy (four for 50) and Das Gupta (four for 22) kept the first innings scores of Bengal and Services at a low 191 and 107. Then came Frank's 118 runs knock, his first century in the championship after Nirmal Chatterjee had hit up sparkling 95 to help Bengal total 356. Shome and Banerjee then disposed off Services for 183 runs, taking in the process, four for 44 and two for 72 respectively.

P.E. Palia was in the evening of his career, but his spinning fingers still retained their venom. He struck deadly form in Mysore's semifinal against Bengal to give his side a fighting chance after the latter had established a 160-run lead in the first innings. By Mysore's batting failed for the second time and Bengal won by 104 runs. This was a good match. Bengal totalled 358 runs thanks to a splendid 147 by S. Bose, followed by two fine knocks by Frank (58) and captain Sen (79). Mysore collapsed for 198 runs—A.S. Krishnaswamy played a valuable knock of 77—against Banerjee, who took five

for 68. But Palia, taking five for 29, put Mysore back into the game by dismissing Bengal for 110 runs in the second innings. B. Das Gupta and Girdhari skittled out Mysore again for 166 runs. Each took four wickets.

The Holkar-Bengal final, of fluctuating fortunes, proved to be one of the most exciting in the history of the championship. Batting first Bengal made 479 runs. But these should have been much more considering the start that Dutta (141) and Das Gupta (40) gave to the innings by adding 169 runs for the second wicket. Holker exceeded Bengal's total by only 17 runs to which they owed a great deal to Nimbalkar. While scoring a grand double century—219 runs to be exact—he was concerned in three valuable stands. First with Mushtaq Ali, who scored a delightful 99, he added 108 runs for the fourth wicket, then 158 with Rangnekar (86) for the fifth, and then took his side past Bengal's score in association with Dhanawade for the last wicket.

This was perhaps the most absorbing period of the match as when the last pair came together Bengal were 23 in front. Nimbalkar hit 26 fours in a stay of 405 runs. By steady batting Bengal made 320 for five to declare their second innings. A report of the match recalls, "Holkar were in difficulties from the

beginning. Then occurred the memorable partnership for the last wicket. Once a ball struck Dhanawade's pads and went on to the stumps without, however, dislodging the balls. It was not by fortune alone, however, Gaikwad and Dhanawade the last pair survived. Theirs was a grand exhibition of fortitude and intelligence, which will be long remembered in the history of Indian cricket."

Another interesting match was between Maharashtra and Bombay, the first to be played at Sholapur, and which the former won by 19 runs. When Rishi Modi, Bombay's captain, put Maharashtra in to bat, Ghulam Guard, left-arm medium-pacer, and Sohoni dismissed them for 167 runs. Guard got three for 37 and Sohoni six for 78. Bombay could do little on the matting wicket against the medium-pace of S.R. Patil and Mathe (five for 45 and four for 47 respectively) and collapsed for 112 runs. Guard again touched deadly form and only Dani (51), Mathe and schoolboy Chandu Borde, who scored 61, helped Maharashtra to add another 271 runs to their first innings lead. Guard got six for 98. Bombay made a gallant bid for victory, but failed narrowly. Patil (three wickets), Dani (three) and Mathe (two) were the successful bowlers for Maharashtra.

Nari Contractor's century in each innings (152 and 102 not out) in his debut, as also Dipak Shodan's unbeaten 119, Vaghela's 107, all for Gujarat against Baroda were leading performances in the West Zone. For Baroda Vijay Hazare claimed six for 101 while young Chandu Joshi scored a fine 104, his first in the competition. Gujarat won the match on first innings lead. Lala Amarnath, who turned up for Gujarat as Southern Punjab had dropped out of the competition, distinguished himself with a haul of five for 42 against Saurashtra. Gujarat defeated Saurashtra by an innings and 89 runs. Jasu Patel's six for 91 for Gujarat had much to do in their success.

Mysore, easily the best team in the South Zone, qualified for the quarter-final by defeating Madras in the zone final by nine wickets. Centuries by K. Srinivasan, wicketkeeper batsman, and a stroke packed 122 by P.R. Shyamsunder for Mysore, Palia's clinching spell (five for 48) were the highlights of this victory. M. Suryanarayana (99) and B.S. Alva (80) did well for Madras, who had accounted for Hyderabad earlier. After the match at Madras was washed out they won by the spin of the coin. Mysore beat Travancore Cochin by an innings and 48 runs.

G. Kishenchand's splendid knock of 184 and 55 not out for Delhi against East Punjab, and another 101 against Services and Swaranjit Singh's allround performance of 110 and four for 73, and Prithviraj's 132 for East Punjab against Delhi, A.K. Khanna's sparkling 218 in 393 minutes for Delhi against Services as well as P.G. Joshi's 101 for Services and spinner Inderjit's fine haul of five for 89 were some of the outstanding deeds in the North Zone. Services won this zone to qualify for the quarter-final where they lost to Bengal.

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JUST HOW MANY YEARS  
HAS IT BEEN, BLANKENSHIP?



# WORLD CUP SOCCER

## England have the Germans weighed up

—By James Mossop—

**A**MBITIOUS plans for the demolition of West Germany and Spain were laid last week at a dinner-table conference involving Ron Greenwood, Don Howe, Bobby Robson and Terry Venables.

Robson flew in from Gijon with a detailed report on the Germans

Venables arrived from Valencia with a studious breakdown on host nation Spain, beaten by Northern Ireland a last week in the most heart-warming result of the tournament and one described by Greenwood as "bloody marvellous unbelievable".

Now Greenwood and Howe have to lay down their strategy for this week. The immediate, instant verdict delivered by Robson was "The Germans are not the team they used to be, and England are well capable of beating them".

The task now facing England is immense. To reach the semifinals they must rise above the team universally regarded as the best in Europe, West Germany, and the Spaniards, who will have volatile and deafening local support.

Greenwood, the 60-year-old England manager, was being grandly amiable as he discussed the prospects of taking on the world's elite now that the lumbering tournament is properly underway.

"It's just another lovely challenge," he said. "You've got to meet them and beat them if you are to go the whole way."

"I saw the Germans play Czechoslovakia earlier this year, and they ran the game. They won 2-1, but had a purple patch in which they could have scored three goals."

### Memorable defeat

West Germany's recent record against England is good apart from their memorable 4-2 extra-time defeat in the 1966 World Cup by Sir Ali Ramsey's team.

But, as Greenwood puts it, "Football is not about yesterday, it is about tomorrow. The West Germans had a surprising defeat by Algeria in the opening game here which proved they are not invincible."

"They have a style and a pattern of play which they have relied on for a long time. The players are very aware of each other. They are solid, with individual

brilliance. They are formidable opponents."

Their star, of course, is Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, whom Greenwood unhesitatingly regards as "world class."

Greenwood is right. Rummenigge scores goals, has electric pace and cleverly lends his own refined skills to the basic team effort.

The Germans also have two attacking full-backs, Kaltz and Bregl, who can be as adventurous as wingers. The experienced Paul Breitner is the architect.

The second phase is structured in a way that FIFA, the world governing body, hope will prevent meaningless matches. The losers between England and West Germany play Spain, while the winners will meet Spain tomorrow week, thus keeping the interest alive to the final match.

Northern Ireland, who are grouped with France and Austria start their



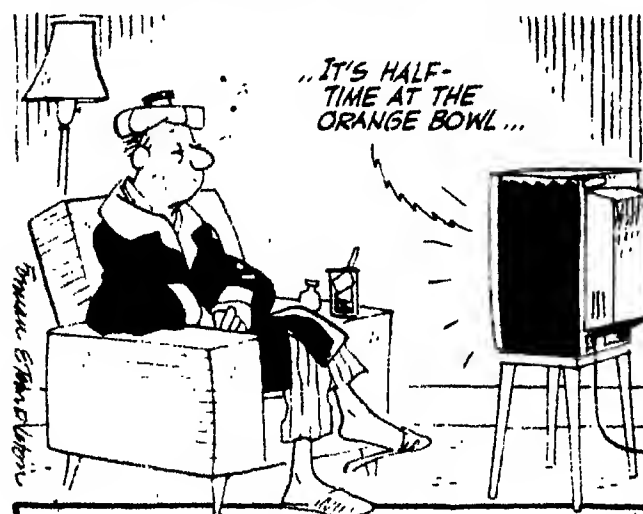
second-phase programme against the losers of the Austria-France opening game. Both these groups play in Madrid and the winners—could it be England and France?—will meet in the semifinals.

The other two groups are based in Barcelona, with Poland, Russia and Belgium playing for a semifinal place against either Brazil, Argentina or Italy.

It is a pity that either Brazil or Argentina—the two outstanding teams of the tournament—have to go out at this stage.

Spain are stoked up to a frenzy by their fans and the atmosphere in the huge, modernised Madrid ground—venue for the final on July 11—will be something most of the England players have never experienced.

## THE SPORTING LIFE



Milo Overcall, sports nut, who gets his New Year's Day hangover from watching twelve straight hours of football

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**A match by match report  
by DAVID MILLER and STEVE  
CURRY  
June 20  
England 2 Czech 0**

**E**NGLAND took another giant step forward last week.

The goals may have been gift wrapped—but how England grafted for them.

The thousands of bronzed, bare-chested, flag-waving fans who stayed behind on the terraces could sense World Cup success.

The match never had the tingle or the tension even though the San Mames Stadium was again nearly full—so many of the fans draped in Union Jacks.

Francis running to the wings, dragging defenders in his wake, was the most nagging threat and when his chance came, he made the kill with the finality of a matador's thrust.

All the Czech's collected from a first half of disappointment was a yellow card for Shaloupka's late challenge on Francis.

Hoddie's appearance in the second half enabled England to make deeper inroads into the Czech half and twice Mariner was close—first with a far-post header with a shot at the near post.

But two minutes later the Czech keeper was holding his head in shame.

An innocent-looking corner from Wilkins slipped through his grasp and the waiting Francis pounced to put England ahead.

There was an even greater calamity looming for the Czechs.

Mariner tried to play a ball inside two defenders for the waiting Francis, only for full-back Jozef Barmos to get a foot to it and deflect it past Seman and inside the near post.

#### Chile 1-West Germany 4

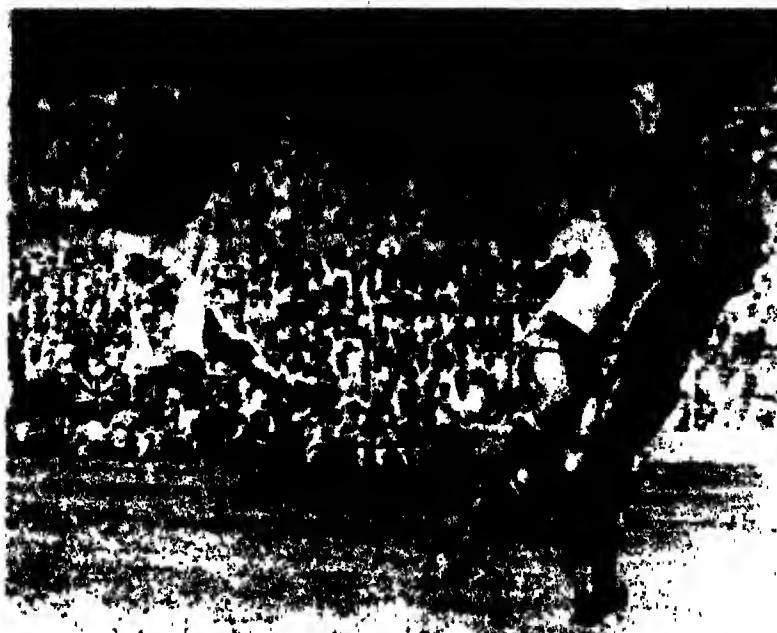
**S**KIPPER Karl-Heinz Rummenigge restored West Germany's shattered pride with a courageous hat-trick in their 4-1 defeat of Chile in Gijon.

The Germans owed their ninth-minute breakthrough to Chile keeper Mario Osben, who allowed Rummenigge's 22-yard shot to slip under his body.

Rummenigge's second—a fierce downward header in the 57th minute—also went in via the keeper's body, but there was no luck about the third as he played a super one-two with Felix Magath before stabbing home the goal that makes him the tournament's top scorer so far with four.

Substitute Uwe Reinders came on in the 80th minute and made it 4-0 three minutes later.

But the outclassed Chileans got a splendid consolation goal in the last minute when Gustavo Moscoso cheekily "nutmegged" full-back Manny Kaltz before firing in a fierce cross-shot.



*Robson gets the second goal, as he heads the ball past France keeper Jean Luc (right) and defender Christian at Bilbao, Spain. England won 2-0*

#### Spain 2 Yugoslavia 1

**H**OSTS Spain were rescued by a dubious penalty for the second successive match against Yugoslavia in Valencia.

The Slavs had taken the lead after 10 minutes when Ivan Gudelj dived to head home from Vladimir Petrovic's free-kick.

Lopez Ufarte sent his kick wide, but the referee ordered a retake because goalkeeper Dragan Pantelic moved too soon.

Juánito took the second kick and equalised.

Spain brought on two substitutes after an hour and one of them, Enrique Saura, needed only four minutes to put his side ahead.

#### June 21 France 4 Kuwait 1

**K**UWAIT refused to play on, claiming that a whistle in the crowd had cost them a goal during their match with France in Valladolid.

France were leading 3-1 late in the second half when Alain Giresse sped towards, the Kuwait goal.

As Giresse received the ball a whistle blew behind the goal, but the Frenchman went on to score and Russian referee Miroslav Stupar gave a goal and ran back to the middle.

The Kuwaitis refused to restart. They surrounded the referee and went to the touch-line to consult the President of their FA, Shaikh Fahad Al-Yeber Al-Sabah, who seemed to wave them off the field.

Suddenly Stupar walked towards the spot where Giresse received the ball

and indicated he would restart the game with a dropped ball.

Now the French reacted, Manager Michel Hidalgo had to be restrained by police.

France opened the scoring with a fierce free-kick from Bernard Chenghini and increased their lead two minutes before half-time through Michel Platini.

Didier Six caught a pass from Platini on his instep soon after the restart and volleyed a third. Then the French relaxed enough for Al-Buloushi to puff a goal back.

And after the rumpus over Giresse's goal that wasn't, Maxime Bossis rendered the argument academic with a fourth goal in the final minute.

#### Honduras 1 N. Ireland 1

**S**EARING heat failed to sap the energy of Northern Ireland in a desperate battle to snatch a place in the last 12.

Northern Ireland snatched the lead in the ninth minute. The goal was scored by Gerry Armstrong following a free kick twice taken by Sammy McIlroy that Chris Nicholl headed on.

But in the 60th minute the Hondurans grabbed the equaliser following a breath-taking save by Jennings from Betancourt.

#### Algeria 0 Austria 2

**T**HE Algerian bubble burst in Oviedo—yet second-half goals from Walter Schachner and Johan Krankl flattered Austria.

Ten minutes into the second half Austria went in front with a slightly lucky goal. Degorgi had a shot blocked and from the rebound Schachner shot home of a post.

After 67 minutes substitute Wetzl set up an opening for Krankl's famous left

foot and the ball thudded into the back of the net for one of the hardest hit goals yet

## June 22 USSR 2 Scotland 2

**R**USSIA rocked Joe Jordan's World Cup joy in Melega, after he had given them a marvellous first-half lead in the Group 6 clash. Scotland had to win to join Brazil in the next stage.

Jordan put Scotland up in the first quarter of the hour when, collecting a through down the middle by Archibald, drew out 'keeper Dasaev and threaded the ball just inside the near post.

Blokhin restored parity with a stiff shot in the second session and with 10 minutes to go for the final whistle, Shengalia put Russia 2-1. Souness equalised for Scotland soon after.

## Poland 5 Peru 1

**P**OLAND broke their goal-scoring duck to qualify for the World Cup second stage with a convincing second-half performance against Peru.

Peru could do nothing about Poland's sudden burst of scoring which began when Smolarek fired home a pass from Lato in the 55th minute.

Within 10 minutes, Poland were 4-0 up. Lato squeezing the ball past Quiroga from Boniek's header, then Boniek scoring from Buncol's cross and finally Buncol firing home after a move involving Boniek and Lato.

Ciolek added Poland's fifth goal before La Rosa gave Peru their consolation goal.

## Hungary 1 Belgium 1

**H**UNGARY moved towards round two with the crucial opening goal in their deciding Group 3 match against Belgium.

It was left-back Jozsef Varga who gave them the lead after 27 minutes. Varga burst into the Belgian penalty area and gave goalkeeper Jean-Marie Pfaff no chance with a rising left-foot shot.

Alex Czarniatynskix scored for Belgium after 76 minutes to level the score.

## June 23 Italy 1 Cameroon 1

**I**TALY qualified for the second round after being held to a dull 1-1 draw by unfancied Cameroon at Vigo.

Francesco Graziani put the Italians ahead after an hour, when he headed a Paolo Rossi cross over 'keeper Thomas N'kono.

But brave Cameroon struck back within a minute when Gregoire M'bida seized on a long ball inside the area to flick past the advancing Dino Zoff.

## Argentina 2 El Salvador 0

**T**HE macho madness of Latin Americans finally boiled over in a

hot-tempered, and bitter affair under Alicante's evening sun.

When the dust had settled, Daniel Passarella scored from the spot and that was the signal for some raw action.

In the second half Daniel Bertoni made it 2-0 for Argentina with a shot from the edge of the penalty-area.

## Brazil 4 New Zealand 0

**N**EW ZEALAND players hended out flowers to the 40,000 crowd before the kick-off in Seville and the mood of generosity continued against goal-bright Brazil.

But it was thanks to Zico that Brazil took a 29th minute lead.

Zico made it 2-0 in the 32nd minute, slamming the ball home after a fine move involving Socrates and Leandro, who again made the final pass. Falcao and Serginho scored further goals.

## June 24 Algeria 3 Chile 2

**A**LGERIA took a step nearer becoming the first African team ever to qualify for the second phase of the World Cup finals.

Salah Assad fired Algeria's hopes with two goals and Tedj Bensaoula made it 3-0 before Chile bounced back with goals from Miguel Neira (penalty) and substitute Juan Letelier. The goal by Letelier was a beauty. He evaded a tackle and clipped the ball past three defenders.

## France 1 Czechoslovakia 1

**F**RANCE, already trounced by England struggled for this point against Czechoslovakia but should still qualify for the second phase.

Didier put France ahead after 66 minutes and Czechoslovakia's Antonia Penanka replied with a penalty six minutes from time.

But the game ended on a sour note when Czech striker Ladislav Vizek became the first player of the tournament to be sent off for kicking from behind.

## Yugoslavia 1 Honduras 0

**Y**UGOSLAVIA got the better of Honduras late in the second-half.

when striker Petrovic sent the ball flying high into the net and the rival 'keeper the other way off a penalty kick.

## June 25 England 1 Kuwait 0

**E**NGLAND took their foot off the accelerator and coasted into the second stage of the World Cup Finals.

Peter Shilton's long goal kick led to a back-heel by Paul Mariner and Trevor Francis sprinted beyond his marker to drive a shot across the face of goal and into the far corner with reassuring confidence.

Having put England ahead, he then squandered another chance in the 39th minute shooting over from beyond the far post as Coppell's deep centre fell perfectly for him.

## W. Germany 1 Austria 0

**A**NGRY Algerian officials whose team has charmed the World Cup finals, accused West Germany and Austria of cheating.

Germany's one goal victory over Austria in Gijon allowed both countries through and eliminated the North Africans on goal difference.

After Horst Hrubesch had scored after 11 minutes the game became a farce with neither side attempting to play.

Algerian supporters tried to force their way onto the pitch in anger. They screamed "It's a fix, it's a fix".

This is another incident in a competition where many people now feel that sportsmanship takes a back seat behind an arranged draw of the 24 finalists.

President of the Algeria Association Ben Ali Sekkel said his federation would file an official protest with FIFA.

He would demand the disqualification of both teams because "they violated the principle of sportsmanship".

Even a German in the crowd demonstrated his feelings by burning the West German flag.

Last word from Sekkel: "It was a sinister plot that took place under the eyes of FIFA representatives".



Assad of Algeria (7) scores the first goal while Chile goalkeeper Mario Osben moves to the wrong end of the net. Algeria beat Chile 3-2.

## N. Ireland 1 Spain 0

**T**HE magnificent Irish are through to the second round of the World Cup

A single goal by Watford striker Gerry Armstrong early in the second half followed by a courageous and disciplined defensive show against the ferocious Spaniards in Valencia's Casanova stadium were enough to give Ireland a treasured place in the last 12.

The Irish took their revenge a minute into the second half

Hamilton fought his way down the right wing and crossed hard and low. Goalkeeper Louis Arconada tamely pushed the ball out and Gerry Armstrong, holding off a tackle, shot his side into an unexpected lead against the shattered Spaniards.

## GROUP 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Poland	3	1	2	0	5	1	4
Italy	3	0	3	0	2	2	2
Cameroun	3	0	3	0	1	1	2
Peru	3	0	2	1	2	6	2

## GROUP 2

W. Germany	3	2	0	1	8	3	4
Austria	3	2	0	1	3	1	4
Algeria	3	2	0	1	5	5	4
Chile	3	0	0	3	3	8	0

## GROUP 3

Belgium	3	2	1	0	3	1	5
Argentina	3	2	0	1	6	2	4
Hungary	3	1	1	1	12	6	3
El Salvador	3	0	0	3	1	13	0

## GROUP 4

England	3	3	0	0	6	1	6
France	3	1	1	1	6	5	3
Czech	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
Kuwait	3	0	1	2	2	6	1

## POSITIONS

### GROUP 5

N Ireland	3	1	2	0	2	1	4
Spain	3	1	1	1	3	3	3
Yugoslavia	3	1	1	1	2	2	3
Honduras	3	0	2	1	2	3	2

### GROUP 6

Brazil	3	3	0	0	10	2	6
USSR	3	1	1	1	6	4	3
Scotland	3	1	1	1	8	8	3
N Zealand	3	0	0	3	2	12	0

The 2nd round groupings are

**Group A:** Poland, Belgium, and USSR **Group B:** England, W. Germany and Spain **Group C:** Brazil, Argentina and Italy **Group D:** Austria, France and N Ireland The semi finals will be between winners of Group B and D or July 8 and the final on July 11, the match between the losing semi finalists being on July 10

# WORLD CUP FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

## Worse than Mafia!

**P**RINCE Fahd Al-Ahmad Al-Sabha, the President of the Kuwait Football Federation, said recently that some officials of the federation of International Football Associations (FIFA) were "worse than the mafia"

And he charged that one FIFA official had shouted "like Hitler" and prevented Kuwait from congratulating the victors after France's wild 4-1 victory over Kuwait

The Prince spoke just before it was announced in Madrid that FIFA had fined the Kuwaiti Football Federation 25,000 Swiss francs (11,800 dollars) because of a ruckus in its 4-1 loss to France.

"They want to keep the big teams in the second round," said the Prince, who is the younger brother of the ruling Emir of oil-rich Kuwait.

"I am not saying that the French victory was not deserved; on the contrary, it was well deserved." But the Prince added the Kuwait players had been unnerved

The Prince stressed he was not including FIFA president Joao Havelange of Brazil in his criticism

## Biggest game

**W**HAT is expected to be biggest game in the World Cup series will be played in the smallest of the four stadiums still available for the second round finals

Argentina meet Brazil in the final of the second round of Groups "C" in Barcelona's Sarria Stadium, which accommodates 40,000 spectators only

Santana, trainer of the Brazilian team, said jokingly "why, for such a match the stadium would not be big enough to hold our fans"

## Camel donated

**T**HE Kuwait Football team's mascot at the World Cup, a camel, has been donated to the Madrid zoo by the Kuwait Football Association chief Sheikh Fahd Al-Ahmed brother of the Emir

## We are no crooks

**I**TALIAN World Cup soccer team captain Dino Zoff said "we are no crooks," and declared that players will no longer talk to the press

He referred to public speculation in Italy, which has reached the front pages of newspapers and been raised in Parliament, over how much money the players will receive for being in Spain

Newspapers wrote that each player had been guaranteed a minimum of 70 million lire (55,000 dollars)

Some said the players did not want to talk about it to avoid paying taxes.

## England favoured

**E**NGLAND ARE 7-1 joint third favourites with Argentina to win the World Cup according to the bookies

Brazil are evens favourites, West Germany 9-2 and Northern Ireland 66-1, down from 1,000-1.

## Keegan says so

**K**EVIN KEEGAN boldly predicts that England can beat Brazil in the World Cup final

The sidelined skipper hooked on the euphoria of England's two victories was in a confident mood.

Keegan said "Now we have had the opportunity of sizing up the opposition, the only side that looks better than England is Brazil

"I think it will be an England - Brazil final and I feel we could beat them because we will pose problems they certainly have not encountered so far

"The team looks in great shape, tight at the back, strong across the middle and scoring goals, upfront, and the spirit could be very important to us later on"

Brazil who traditionally learned their football on the beaches of Copacabana are the side everyone fears, and not least England manager, Ron Greenwood

He admitted "They stand out like a chapel hat peg. They are superbly fit"

## German robots!

**W**EST GERMANY are a combination Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and 10 robots, says former Brazilian star Pele

Pele thought Rummenigge's third goal in the 4-1 defeat of Chile on Sunday was the goal of a genius

"I would be happy if I could count such a goal among my 1,200," he said

## Ron to continue

**R**ON GREENWOOD will continue to work for English soccer as a consultant when the World Cup is over.

FA chairman Bert Millichip confirmed in Bilbao that the post will not involve him in either the selection or the preparation of the England side

Millichip said: "It would be foolish to allow Ron to disappear totally from the scene. He has a vast knowledge of the game which could be on tap

"We have also come to agreement with Ron about a pension

Despite the lure of an alleged £700,000 contract over ten years with Ipswich, The FA still hope to hear soon that Bobby Robson is ready to take over as Greenwood's successor

# The Game of the Century

By David Barnes

*For ninety minutes on each match day national team managers go through a private heaven or hell. Their preparations have taken years; their decisions embrace the hopes of millions.*

*Yet once the whistle goes they are powerless.*

*They must sit in an agony of inactivity while younger, fitter men translate their instructions into deeds which will make or break them.*

*Managers need to be all things to all men, understanding one minute, utterly ruthless the next.*

*Their signature on a team sheet can turn a man into an international star or a bitter reject.*

*Few men live under such intensified pressure, but it is like a drug and once tasted it lures them back time after time as they seek the ultimate goal of the World Cup.*



## Managers

# THE MAKERS OR BREAKERS

## Argentina's Menotti

ARGENTINA'S Luis Cesar Menotti has enjoyed the sweet taste of success since his country won the trophy in 1978. The measure of his achievement that year was not so much that Argentina won the World Cup, but the manner in which they did so.

Their play, laced with a rich seam of violence ever since the days of the very first World Cup when their awesome defender Luisito Monti kicked everything that moved, was completely out of control by the early seventies.

England's squalid quarter final in 1966 when skipper Antonio Rattin was sent off provoked an angry Alf Ramsey to call them animals. Violence at club level mounted and in the 1967 World Club Championship Racing Club of Buenos Aires were involved in a disgraceful brawl with Celtic which ended with five players being sent off. After that European teams were reluctant to face Argentinian sides in South America.

Menotti has changed all that. The chain smoking El Flaco, the Thin One—has put a new face on Argentine football: defensive cynicism and professional fouls have been replaced by a spirit of adventure.

Argentina's natural skills have been made to flourish and the result has not only brought them a host of new friends but a remarkable sequence of only six defeats in ninety games.

Says Menotti: 'The problem with Argentine football when I took over was that for many years it had existed in total confusion. After a lot of defeats and setbacks people in the game were desperately trying to copy other styles

rather than regain our own. It was doomed to fail.

A German team can't play like a Spanish team or vice versa. Every nation has its own characteristics. If I achieved anything it was in giving Argentine football faith in itself in its own style of play.

Obviously I have tried to incorporate some European ingredients but only those which do not conflict with the basic Argentine style. You cannot ask players to do something of which they have no understanding any more than you could ask Sinatra to sing like Caruso. Each to his own—in football too.

Menotti, born on 5 November 1938 in Rosario, was forced to leave college at the age of sixteen when his father died. He played for various minor teams to earn money on a game-by-game basis before being signed up by the major club of the area, Rosario Central. 'I always loved football,' says Menotti. 'While my other childhood friends played with little cars and train sets I played with a football.'

By 1959 he was in the Rosario first team, a cultured elegant midfielder, orchestrator who could also score telling goals. He moved to Racing Club of Buenos Aires from there to Boca Juniors and then to the New York Generals.

## Hat-trick

While in America he scored a hat-trick against Santos in a friendly and so impressed Pele that he insisted his Brazilian club sign Menotti immediately. They did and Menotti had a year with them before moving to Juventus of Sao Paulo until his retirement in 1970.

'I was always more of a thinking player than an athlete,' says Menotti. 'The tactics and the psychology of the game fascinated me in a way I was a

born coach rather than a born player.' This assessment is backed up by Luton chief executive John Smith, who was working with the New York Generals during Menotti's time there. 'He wore out the centre circle prowling about giving orders and organizing,' says Smith.

Menotti returned to Rosario to become assistant trainer to Rosario Central before moving to Huracan and steering them to the First Division title in 1973 with bright attacking football. This success earned him the national team job and his first game in charge was a 1-1 draw against Spain in Buenos Aires in the autumn of 1974.

Argentina's participation in the 1974 World Cup in West Germany had been little short of a disaster. They battled through their first qualifying group, managing only one win—against Haiti—and were beaten by Poland, Holland and their deadly rivals Brazil.

Drastic measures were needed for the 1978 tournament on their home soil. Menotti tried out more than 100 players in preparation matches and national feeling was such that for once the all-powerful clubs were co-operative about releasing their players when asked. When Menotti called a squad together everyone turned up, a situation almost unheard of before.

Since his triumph Menotti has been sought after by clubs and national teams throughout the world. After months of hard bargaining that almost brought the resignation of the Argentine FA president, Menotti agreed to stay on until after the 1982 finals. His new salary stands at 70 million pesos (£30,000) a year plus 6 million pesos (£2,500) a month, with both figures increasing in relation to the cost of living. He also receives double the players' points bonus.

'The negotiations lost me precious time,' he complained. 'I am busy seven



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days a week twelve hours a day talking to club coaches about players watching teams all over the country supervising training. Not a day must be lost.

Menotti insisted that the Spanish would be more difficult than before. Last time it was not because we started from nothing. But now we are world champions and have the responsibility of defending the title. This changes our whole outlook but it doesn't frighten me.

I know the players are there and now we have the confidence and the organization. We are playing cleaner, more attacking football at club level and the League officials have helped immensely by shortening their programmes. My squad can attend mid-week training without being worn out and injury prone.

My old World Cup players do not have preference just because they won the title. They have priority only if they show they have maintained the same ability and personality. Team spirit was everything last time, newcomers will have to prove they can blend into that. Sometimes I can tell from a simple conversation if a player will do or not.

## West Germany's Derwall

**M**ENOTTI fears the new West German machine assembled by Jupp Derwall, successor to Helmut Schoen, in Derwall's first two and a half years in charge after the Argentina World Cup. West Germany were unbeaten for twenty three matches and collected the European Championship.

It was one of the most successful sequences put together by a national team. Only the great Hungarians of the fifties and the 1970 world champions Brazil have bettered it. The run ended with a 2-1 defeat by Menotti's Argentina during the Gold Cup tournament in Montevideo in January 1981.

Thus when Professor Otto Nerz called the Reichstrainer in Nazi Germany retired in 1936, he was immediately replaced by his right hand man Sepp Harberger. He remained in office for twenty eight years, collecting the 1954 World Cup before handing over to his right hand man, Schoen, in 1964. Schoen's assistant for eight years was Derwall, who had served his apprenticeship in charge of the national junior, amateur and B teams.

No other managerial post in the world can be as hard to get as that of the West German national team. When Franz Beckenbauer, holder of a record 103 caps for his country, was talking about joining the Federation as a coach it was pointed out to him that he would have to wait at least ten years to succeed Derwall, who is fifty three.

Even to be a manager of a First Division (Bundesliga) club a man had to hold a German A-Licence, though the rules have recently been relaxed to permit the import of senior foreigner



Cesar Luis Menotti, this cigar smoking Argentine manager has put a new face on Argentine football.

coach, Karl-Heinz Happel and Rudi Michels.

Derwall's appointment was not greeted with universal acclaim at the time, however. In fact the move was so violently criticized that he says now it was terrible for his wife and his children were not spared at school. The newspaper said he was incapable of doing the job and for the first few months could not walk into a stadium without being whistled at and insulted.

Part of the problem was that Derwall, capped twice as an international forward, was taking over from a legend. In his fourteen years as manager Schoen won the World Cup in 1974, was runner up in 1966 and finished third in 1970. He won the European Championship in 1972 and was runner up in 1978. During his reign German football was acclaimed as the best in the world and the Bundesliga as technically the greatest domestic competition. Soccer coaches flocked to study it from all parts of the globe.

To achieve what he wants, Derwall knows he must find a new Hidegkuti, a latter day deep lying centre forward with the awareness and skill of the great Hungarian of the fifties. I will find him, he says, and when I do we will have a real team. I want a side where there are no specialists, no set forwards or defenders, just highly talented players

who can adapt themselves to any situation.

Derwall, a firm believer in training his players as responsible men and not overgrown schoolboys. During the successful European Championship campaign in Italy he ensured that wives and fiancées stayed in a neighbouring hotel and spent each afternoon at the team's swimming pool. It was good for morale, he says. I believe it is the manager's responsibility to look after his players well.

He is keeping a door open for Beckenbauer, even though he will be thirty seven by the time of the World Cup finals. If he plays well enough he has a chance, says Derwall, who still hoped to persuade Schuster to change his mind and play.

Derwall rates Argentina as West Germany's greatest rivals in Spain. They have very good players. For me Maradona is even better than Pele. I saw him in Switzerland when he beat four players on a handkerchief. I never saw Pele do that.

Whatever happens in Spain, Derwall is unlikely to leave Germany to take up one of the lucrative offers from clubs in Holland and Italy. Money is everything, he says. It is important to feel at one with yourself, first in your daily life then in work. I am content with that, is all any man can ask.



Jupp Derwall is unlikely to leave Germany to coach elsewhere

## England's Greenwood

**C**ONTENTMENT is a luxury England's Ron Greenwood has not been allowed much of in 1981. From looking like a world-beater when he took over as emergency stand-in for the discredited Bob Revie in the summer of 1977, he has since led England through the most disastrous period in their international history. The first World Cup defeat by the point of a goal at Norway completed a run of just two victories in four international matches.

They failed to score in four consecutive matches and in that period lost to Rumania, Spain, Brazil, Scotland, Switzerland and Norway. Greenwood, a morally strong man, refused to bow to the public clamour for his resignation. He will see his contract out until the summer of 1982, regardless of whether or not we get the right to Spain, he said.

England lacks truly world-class players, and Greenwood made matters worse by chopping and changing his style of play and failing to establish a settled side. As it was, a wave of enthusiasm that swept him to the job on a permanent basis in 1978 after a fine 2-0 victory over Italy. And in his first twenty-four games leading up to the 1980 European Championship, Greenwood's England lost only two, winning seventeen and scoring forty-eight goals.

Born in Birmmley in 1921, Greenwood was a cool, thoughtful centre-half with Chelsea, Brentford and Fulham in the 1940s before he turned to coaching. He was hugely impressed and influenced by the 1953 Hungarian team who beat England 6-3 at Wembley and 7-1 in Budapest, and has since remained a disciple of open, inventive football.

The Hungarians made me realize the importance of positive coaching, says

Greenwood, a follower of that other great soccer academic, Walter Winterbottom, England's first manager. Too much of British coaching had been concerned with how to shut people down and mark them out of the game. In other words, how to destroy skill. I wanted to coach men to develop their skills.

Fittingly for such high principles, his first appointment was with Oxford University. Then he moved to the amateurs of Walthamstow Avenue—who beat Queens Park Rangers in the FA Cup under his guidance before stepping into the big league as assistant manager of Arsenal.

But it was his thirteen years at West Ham that qualified him for the England post. West Ham may have claimed only two trophies—the FA Cup and the European Cup Winners Cup under Greenwood—but they did so with such panache that they were a delight for the soccer purist.

The one nagging doubt about Greenwood's credentials was that West Ham never finished higher than sixth in the League Championship, their insistence on skill before steel perhaps rendering them a soft touch for the hard men of the game. On the other hand, he developed three players of the highest calibre—Bobby Moore, Martin Peters and Geoff Hurst—who played the central roles in England's World Cup success of 1966.

Greenwood, in fact, got close to being in charge of that triumphant England team instead of Alf Ramsey. He had run the Under 23s for three years in the early sixties and was on the short list for the senior job when Winterbottom decided to step down. In 1974 he was again a front runner, but his comparative lack of success at West Ham counted against him and the vote went to Revie.

Since his appointment, Greenwood has tried to bring many of his theories and beliefs to the national side. Unlike Revie, who constructed his teams on safety first lines, he fashioned an attacking unit with a decidedly cavalier approach to defence. People are going to score goals against us, Greenwood said after a series of buccaneering performances. But we are also going to score a lot of goals against them. And I expect us to score more.

An insight into Greenwood's thinking came first after the last World Cup when he was asked to name his XI from the finals. He chose Filol (Argentina), Vogts (W. Germany), Oscar (Brazil), Passarella (Argentina), Cabini (Italy), Ardiles (Argentina), Platini (France), Digne (Brazil), Rensenbrink (Holland), Kempes (Argentina), Bettega (Italy).

He explained his selection of Passarella over Dutch skipper Rudi Krol: "I had terrible trouble deciding between the two of them as sweeper. Krol is the steadier of the two, but I went for Passarella because he is a bit more adventurous. I see him as a good example of the modern athletic player. Again it was the apostle of attacking play, talking the coach who takes a calculated risk in his search for victory

rather than choosing cautious stale-mates.

Greenwood has built a virtual soccer think tank since taking over, employing managers like Bobby Robson (Ipswich), Dave Sexton (Coventry), Don Howe (Arsenal) and Terry Venables (Queens Park Rangers) as his aides. This integration of League and FA personnel is a move towards the unity inherent in German football for which he has a long-standing admiration.

German organization is magnificent, he says. The way they groom their national managers ensures continuity in the job.

He also praises their method of coaching at club level. The Germans are very much like the English as a race, he says, but they have introduced a Continental and Latin American style agility to their game. We are still Nordic, solid and strung. We need to adopt a more athletic approach to football. The West Germans have always made their players move by getting them to sell a dummy (make a feint) before they play a ball, even in ordinary practice. In this way, movement becomes natural.

The Brazilians, says Greenwood, are the most natural agile sportsmen he has seen. Much of Pele's brilliance was his balance—the ability to stand on one foot and stretch the other up into the air and play the ball at shoulder height with a little flick.

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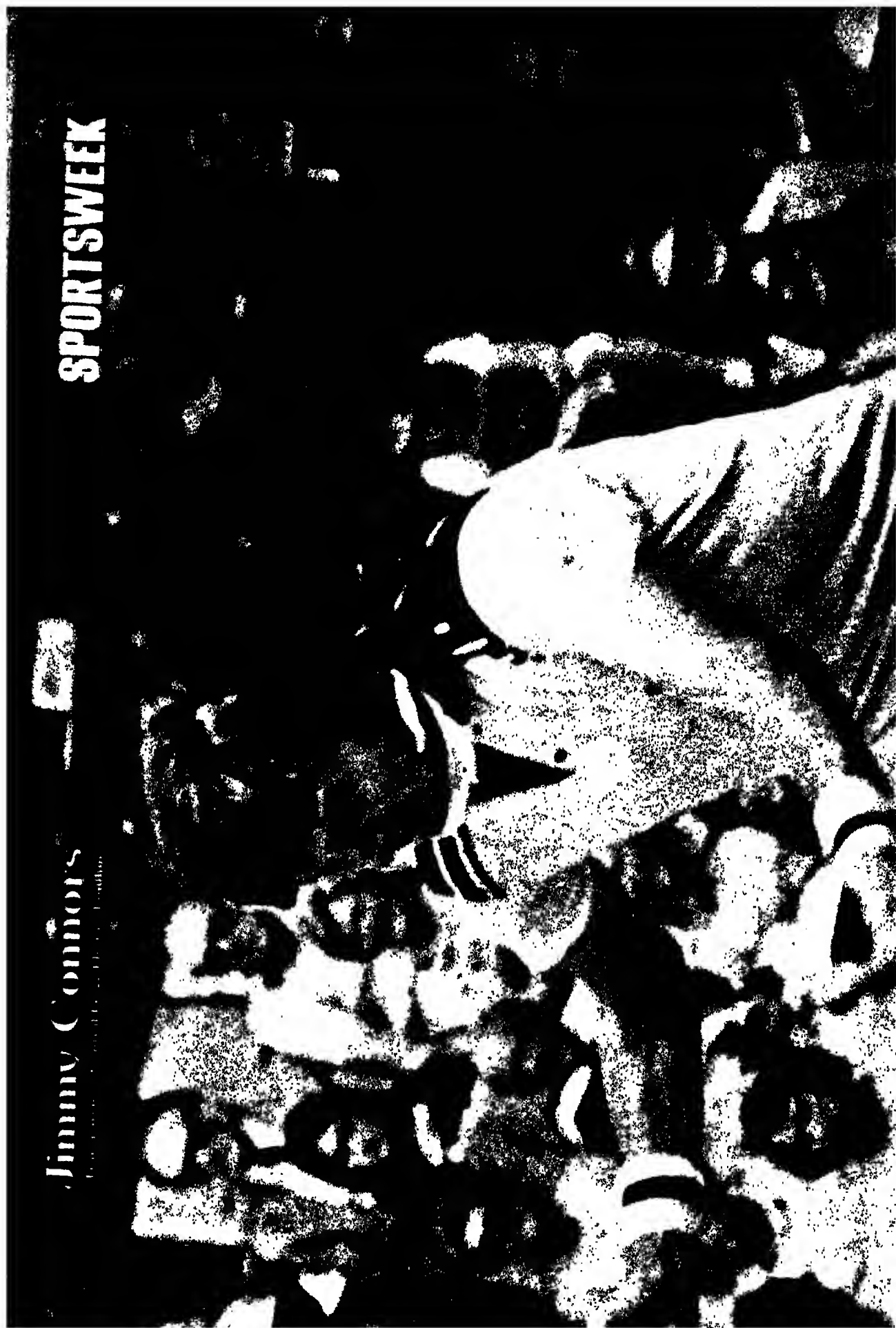
Ron Greenwood has built a virtual English soccer think-tank.

# SPORTSWEEK

Sergei Fedorov catches his breath after scoring the winning goal for the Red Wings in Game 4 of the Stanley Cup Finals.

Jimmy Connors  
The Great American Tennis Player

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# SPORTSWEEK

Brazil's Cerezo scores the winning goal for the team in their World Cup game against the team of the Netherlands. See the Sports Illustrated magazine and TV show.

# Sporting pay the price

**"A**S you sow so shall you reap. That's an old biblical cliché but it proved right once again when the reigning champions Mohammedan Sporting gave their worst display against Howrah Union and paid the price by dropping their first point of the season.

On the run of play however they should be considered lucky as Howrah Union even though they have not had the major share of the exchanges looked more menacing and thrustful and could have won the game without causing many eyebrows to be raised.

The beginning however was not as bad as the end for the Mohammedans. They missed two early chances and then went ahead in the 14th minute through Debashish Roy.

But thereafter something queer happened to them and they lost their enthusiasm and allowed Howrah Union to come back with the equaliser two minutes from the breather. Ashok Kumar

it was who got the goal off a cross from Shivaji Roy.

But the spadework was made by right winger Pradip Mitra who posed danger time and again in the second half which saw Mohammedan Sporting play without Majeed Bhaksar. He had to be replaced for he was only a passenger on this day.

The replacement did not bring in any positive result for the home team who got the reprieve ten minutes from time with Shivaji shooting straight into the custodian Pratap Ghosh.

## Exert

In their previous encounter Mohanmedan Sporting did not have to exert much to beat Port Trust by four goals to nil. Debashish Roy put his team into the lead in the fourth minute and it was made 2-0 by Debashish Misra, the right wing half.

Changing over the Mohammedans continued their onslaughts and got the

other two goals through the Iranian's Jamshed Nassiri and Majeed Bhaksar. As it turned out Majeed's performance on this day was to be remembered for a poor show against Howrah Union.

Despite playing at times at a snail's pace and with a makeshift half line Mohun Bagan registered their biggest win of the season when they triumphed over Salkia Friends by five goals to one.

In fact there was no resistance whatsoever from Salkia throughout the game—even though they had scored once—and Mohun Bagan had so desired they could easily have doubled their winning margin so one-sided an affair it was.

From the supporters' point of view however the outcome was highly satisfactory as only in the previous week they saw their favourite team virtually struggling to gather full points.

Mohun Bagan opened their account in the 14th minute of the game when Krishnendu Roy pulled the ball back from the by-line for Amitava Mukherjee



**PARTY RESTORED** Debashish Roy of Mohd Sporting (20) heads in the equaliser in a key match against Howrah Union. The teams drew 1-1

to score. Then Krishanu Day and Subrata Bose hit the target to make it 3-0 before half time.

Surajit Sengupta made it 4-0 with a fine goal 10 minutes into the second half and then made way for another by Subrata Bhattacharya in the dying minutes. In between these two, however, Sakti Mitra had earned the distinction of scoring the first goal against Mohun Bagan in the current season.

East Bengal gave their best display of the season against George Telegraphs and came away winners by four goals to one.

In the initial stages, however, the popular team looked shaky and except for a few sporadic raids nothing went right for them during the first session.

The second half, however, saw a rejuvenated East Bengal team and they went into the lead within the first minute with Mohammad Akbar nodding in a free kick from Biswajit Bose. Barely thirty seconds later, George Telegraphs hit back with a goal from Bratin Sarkar, their most enterprising forward.

Immediately afterwards Akbar scored again and as it was disallowed for off-side the spectators, as usual, began



**CRAWLING PACE...** Sporting's Jamshed Nasiri is on all-fours after Majumdar of Howrah Union tackled him dangerously.



**S-T-R-I-T-C-II** Custom's custodian Kushan Banerjee leans to tap the ball away from the outstretched foot of East Bengal's Akbar. East Bengal won 3-0.



**OOPS...Mohd. Sporting's Debashish Roy (not in pic) scores the first goal past the diving Port Trust keeper Tanumoy Ghosh. Sporting won 4-0**

pelting stones holding up the game for a while. Ultimately things cooled down and East Bengal celebrated this with a goal from Arup Das.

Thereafter the exchanges became really fast and both the goals had some close shaves before the home team had scored their third goal through Subir Sarkar. The tally was completed when Akbar shot home from goalmouth melee seven minutes from time.

East Bengal's next tie was against Calcutta Customs and in spite of emerging winners by three goals to nil the popular side could not satisfy their supporters with their performance which was insipid to say the least.

But luckily for them, Customs did not, or even tried to, put up any resistance and it made goal-scoring an easier business. The first of the three was scored by Arup Das shortly before half time and Subir Sarkar and Kartick Sett headed in the other two in the second half.

East Bengal gave a slightly improved show in their subsequent match against Wari Athletic Club but poor marksmanship coupled with bad luck did not bring them more than two goals. The first one was scored by debutant striker Sujit Chakraborty early in the game and the second one by Kartick Sett shortly after the breather.

**DEBABRATA CHOWDHURY**



**ONE FOR THE ROAD. Majid (left) nets Sporting's fourth goal against Port Trust**



**GOOD SAVE.. Tanumoy Ghosh of Port Trust makes a gallant save**

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## East Bengal triumph over Mohd. Sporting

East Bengal catches win matches in cricket so do goals in football and Shankar Adhikari and Majeed Baksar learnt the lesson all over again when they missed two grand chances to put Mohammedan Sporting in front and then saw East Bengal's Arup Das convert the one that came his way late in the second half and carve out a win for his team which at one stage looked highly unlikely.

The Calcutta senior division league tie between the two giants on June 26 as usual drew capacity crowd at the Eden Gardens but the match itself which had moments of pulsating thrills and vicissitudes never rose to any great heights. The reason behind this was not account of any lack of effort on the part of the players but due to a hostile and energy-sapping humidity.

But the ground condition was quite good and so was Dilip Sen's supervision and these factors coupled with the players' willingness to give every ounce of their energy made the match a highly interesting one from the view point of spectators who behaved admirably during and after it.

The match which saw the ball veiling fast from the very beginning provided its first glimpse of real action in the fourth minute when Akbar headed a possible chance off a cross from Subir Sarkar. Shortly after Jamshed Misiri's header was tipped over by Tapas Chakraborty.

Then in the tenth minute, Subir Sarkar fired again and Arup Das missed and a few minutes later Jamshed played a

one - two with Majeed and put through Shankar Adhikari who, with all the time in the world, and none to challenge him put the ball into the hands of Tapas Chakraborty from a distance of no more

than ten yards. As the Mohammedan Sporting supporters cursed their fate, the East Bengal followers heaved sighs of relief.

Notwithstanding this failure Mohammedan Sporting, inspired by Debashish Misra in the halfline and Shankar Adhikari and Majeed Baksar in the line up front gradually took control



East Bengal's custodian Tapas somersaults to collect a volley by Jamshed (centre) of Mohd. Sporting. East Bengal won 1-0



Sporting skipper Moid-ul-Islam (on ground) in a fierce tackle with East Bengal's Subir Sarkar

over the proceedings but a tough East Bengal defence in which young Pulak Biswas played an outstanding game did not yield anything except two corners which however proved abortive.

Thereafter, Subir Sarkar easily the most hardworking amongst the East Bengal forwards was through down the middle but he was brought down just outside the box and Mihir Bose who had a very poor game made a mess with the free-kick.

Then in the 30th minute, Majeed showed what he was capable of. Receiving the ball from a midfielder he raced up front, flicked the ball to Jamshed and cut through between two defenders to receive the ball back from his Iranian colleague.

The East Bengal defenders were caught unawares with this brilliant move and they looked back in horror to see a menacing Majeed all set to take a vicious swing at the ball. But Majeed wanted to have his cake and eat it too as instead of simply putting the ball into the net—he could have done it in different possible ways—he let fly a

powerful volley into Tapas Chakraborty who, knowingly or unknowingly had already narrowed down the angle and found little trouble to punch the ball out.

With this chance gone, Mohammedan Sporting lost heart and East Bengal, reprieved for the second time did not look back thereafter and theirs was a different side in the second half which saw them do all the attacking and the Mohammedan defence, which was thought to be their weakest link ultimately gave in just eleven minutes from time.

Tapas Das who had replaced Subir Sarkar raced down the right and made a high centre for Arup Das who finding himself unmarked nodded home a fine header into the far corner of the net. Goalkeeper Pratap Ghosh who otherwise had a good game could do nothing about it except make a futile dive.

Before this all important goal, both East Bengal and Mohammedan Sporting lost a chance each. While Arup Das hit out a Akbar header from close Debashish Roy was unluckily caught on the wrong foot as Tapas Chakraborty unnecessarily went for a little acrobatic and lost control over the ball, cleared now by Pulak Biswas.

With this morale-boosting victory, East Bengal who have so far amassed 18 points from nine matches can now surely look forward to their July 10 meeting with Mohun Bagan with some confidence. Mohammedan Sporting who had earlier lost a point to Howrah Union are now virtually out of the running for the league honours.

**DEBABRATA CHOWDHURY**



*Prem Dorji (Sporting) and Kartick Sett vying for the ball.*  
Pics: SANTOSH GHOSH



*Pratap Ghosh, goalkeeper of Mohd. Sporting leaps high to collect the ball while Arup Das (left) and Kartick of East Bengal look on*



*Jubilations as East Bengal emerge winners in this thrilling match*

# WIMBLEDON '82

## It's a £150,000 washout!

— By IAN BARNES —

**R**AIN-SOAKED Wimbledon fans were treated to live commentary from England's World Cup battle with Kuwait as they waited for play.

Almost the first words they heard as they huddled under umbrellas were that Billie Jean King was "bathed in sunshine".

There were a few ironical cheers—but not from Wimbledon referee Fred Hoyle, wrestling with the problem of fitting more than 450 matches into the next eight days.

The downpours which have wrecked his schedules have already forced an early start.

Hoyle and the Wimbledon committee, faced with a depressing weather forecast, are already facing the possibility that they may have to go beyond the planned men's final day.

Said Hoyle: "At the moment we are still within target to play the finals on

the correct day, but everything depends on the weather. This is the worst I can recall in my 18 years here.

An estimated 43,000 fans and £150,000 in cash have already been lost in the first five days of the championships—a loss which cuts into the £1 million plus surplus Wimbledon usually hands over to the Lawn Tennis Association for the benefit of British tennis.

The luckiest fans are those with £4 tickets for the first scheduled final Sunday. They will be able to claim their seats on the Centre Court for any days after that if the champions are extended.

The last time the tournament ran into overtime was in 1973. When doubles finals were played on the Sunday of a third week. The day before Stan Smith beat Ilie Nastase for the title on a Sunday.

The worst years was 1922, the first the championships were played on the

present site after moving from Worple Road. It rained every day and the tournament was finally wrapped up four days late.

As are the bad weather, tube train disruption has contributed to the poor attendance and with a national rail strike likely, prospects of improvement are not bright.

As fans waited on Centre Court for more than four hours there were attempts to brighten their day.

The electronic scoreboard operators broadcast jokes and messages to the crowd and attempted to get them signing community songs, something that Wimbledon has never experienced before.

It was the idea of 21-year-old Cambridge history student Julian Farino, who spent more than an hour in an attempt to entertain the crowd with I-spy riddles, knock-knock jokes and cheers for the Royal baby.

## Pam, Martina have the last laugh

**P**AM SHRIVER and Martina Navratilova had the last laugh on the weather at Wimbledon.

Both won easily enough, Martina by 6-1, 6-4 against Anne White and Pam by 6-4, 6-1 against Kathy Rinaldi.

But it was their sense of humour that shone through.

Martina made a mocking bow when evening sunlight streamed across No. 1 court.

And Pam, who had to pull a bee sting out of her 15-year-old opponent's arm at 4-1 in the second set, revealed that she had passed the six-and-a-half hours she had waited to get on Centre Court "sleeping on that nice new carpet in the locker room."

She had been woken by one of Martina's jokes—which cost Virginia Wade a torn-up £10 note—and the sight of Rosie Casale doing a rain dance round the room to win a £1 bet from Virginia.

"It wasn't Virginia's lucky day," she said.

On court seventh seed Pam and top seed Martina went about their business in deadly earnest.

Martina won in 52 minutes. Pam took four minutes more.

The odds against Martina winning a third championship have shrunk to 6-4. "That's not good, I was only 3-1 the year after I first won in 1978," she said.

"My biggest worry is the weight I'm

putting on. I hate playing when I'm hungry and all this waiting about is causing me to eat far too much."

There was a fourth seeded casualty on an outside court as Andrea Leand, yet another of the highly-talented squad of young Americans scarcely known in Britain, was beaten by West German Claudia Kohde.

Andrea, another of the double-handed backhand baseline brigade,

who was seeded 14, was beaten 7-5, 6-2.

Claudia, 18-year-old, 6ft 1in tall with a telescopic reach to match, is an extremely powerful grass court player.

Even from her great height she gets down correctly to the low volleys and blasts ground shots with impressive pace and natural ability.

JOE MELLING



## WIMBLEDON

**JIMMY CONNORS** is the man to get your money on at Wimbledon

The tip came last week from the man in the best position to know—John Alexander

He had just been on the receiving end of another stunning Connors performance and said: "I can't see anybody else in the field who is playing as well as Jimmy is right now."

If his form holds, I'd certainly pick him in the final even against McEnroe.

McEnroe may be the champion but he is not playing at his best. Connors is. He has been playing as well as when he won in 1974 and better than anything in between.

Second seed Connors, latest odds 3/1, needed to be at his pugnacious best to hold off the challenge 30-year-old

**By Ian Barnes**

Australian Alexander presented in the closest match the Centre Court has seen in Wimbledon's first week.

Connors emerged a 6-3, 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 winner but had to conjure up some of his most exciting shots to do it.

The spectacular service return—both feet off the ground and playing the ball from in front of his knees—was just one of the many magical strokes Connors pulled off.

Alexander, his big serve working as well as at any time before the back injury which threatened his career three years ago, mixed volleys that flew

like bullets with the most delicate and accurate cross-court chips.

The thundering overhead shot he produced when Connors was serving for victory at 5-4 in the fourth set had even Jimmy shaking his head.

Said Connors: "It was a pity in many

ways that after 2½ hours it was decided on a tie-break. We had both played so well. The good thing for me was that I came through with shots when I needed them."

But then, if I can't play three or four matches like that, I shouldn't be here.

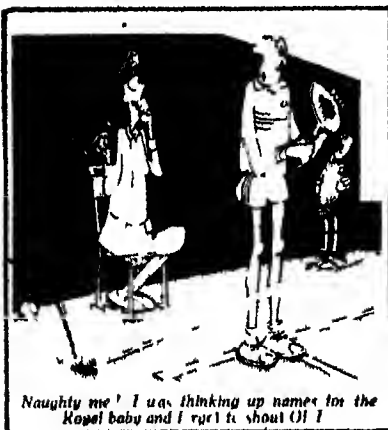


## Knock-kneed—but Zina is a superstar

**A** STAR was born on the famous Wimbledon Centre Court last week.

As people's favourite Evonne Cawley abandoned the dream of a third singles title, an explosive 18-year-old coloured girl from Texas had her name emblazoned in lights for the first time.

Zina Garrison, knock-kneed and



Naughty me! I was thinking up names for the Royal baby and I got it: shout 'Oh!'

pigeon-toed, is the most unlikely looking athlete to explode on the tennis stage for years.

But the girl who is universally recognised as the world's top junior player is quite simply a superb tennis player who now seems guaranteed to emulate the last great black player, Althea Gibson, who won Wimbledon twice in the fifties.

Mrs Cawley, attempting at 30 her umpteenth comeback, had entertained visions of another Wimbledon fairy tale.

It took an hour and four minutes of harsh reality to persuade her that after all it really is great to be young.

Miss Garrison's 6-4, 6-2 triumph was achieved with the minimum of fuss and the maximum of talent.

Evonne recovered sufficiently to predict: "Believe me, you are going to hear and see a lot more of this girl. She is so fast. She is all over the place. I thought I was hitting winners but she kept getting them back. Zina has so

much potential. I can see she is going to do very well indeed."

I felt so excited about being back on the Centre Court at Wimbledon and on reflection I think that overcame me a bit as well.

Miss Garrison, one of six children who learned her craft on the public courts of Houston, has the kind of phlegmatic approach so peculiar to champions.

She pronounced: "I had real fun out there. It was great. I wasn't nervous at all."

I am the last of six children. I wasn't really supposed to happen. That's why my Ma chose a name which begins with the letter Z—the last of the alphabet."

Billie Jean King played her 100th singles match at Wimbledon and was presented with a Spode Centenary Wimbledon plate by Sir Brian Burnett, the chairman of the All England Club, to commemorate the latest milestone in a remarkable career.

**JOE MELLING**



# "Prize money motivates players"

— From Atul Premnarayan in London —

**Q** Has Ramesh progressed the way you expected? Considering that McEnroe in 1977, Wilander, Nystrom are now household names—shot into prominence at the same age Ramesh has?

**A** Compare the avenues to progress they have and then the contrast surfaces. If Ramesh had to have attained Lendl's class or Wilander's—he would have definitely done so if he had lived as a neighbour to either of them. In Sweden, America, Czechoslovakia, Australia etc, Tennis is a profession and the opportunities are unlimited. The coaching, the international match practise, and all that builds up your physical and mental awareness and ability is available. Looking at all these factors I am convinced Ramesh is trying hard—there is no other way out at all.

**Q** But in you, he has a tennis computer—so why should he lack for so long the prime requisites in modern tennis like service and planning a move in advance?

**A** Service is an important factor—but I consider second service more important. The bigger players do not have a percentage second serve. True their first serve may be excellent but the service by itself is not a win—you have to follow up to the net. Now even the idea of service is a plan in advance.

**Q** Suppose Ramesh had a chance to play a strokeplayer, or a serve and volley player. What preference would he make considering his own potential?

**A** That's a good question. I feel he has not settled down as yet completely. Give him two to three years and then he can be gauged in the game of tennis in all its totality. At present he is working very hard. There is no other way out.

**Q** You have been the Indian tennis star and captain for 20 years. What was your working schedule and tip to the players during the eve of a Davis Cup tie?

**A** Very simple—no connections of style of strokeplay, except keep sharpening your game and play well at all stages.

**Q** In 1950 and 60 the stress was on courtcraft, strokeplay. In late 1970s and 80s its service power and volley. Please comment.

**A** Who says in 1950 or 60 we did not have serve and volley players. We had J. Drobny, Lew Hoad, K. Nielson, Mike Sangster and Frank Sedgeman, followed by Pancho Gonzales. Then came John Newcombe, Fred Stolla, Arthur Ashe—all of them had a booming first

serve and they invariably moved up to the net.

Tennis as a game has changed. People do not play for the name and fame only, they are motivated by prize money, professionalism, glamour—the entire form and media of publicity has changed drastically. Things have increased for the players. Sponsorship has attracted the best tennis players, and since tennis is a popular international sport many international commercial organisations are putting in a lot of money for publicity of their own products like, for example, Stecla, Artois, the Volvo, Toyota, Banson & Hedges, Coca Cola International tournaments.



*Krishnan... "Each player is taking care of his own personal interest"*

**Q** As I see India does not stand any chance at the Davis Cup level compared to Sweden, Czechoslovakia, America, Argentina, etc. What's gone wrong with the mental attitude to play a Davis Cup tie—is it the lack of money in the Davis Cup?

**A** First of all, we need more and more younger players coming up. Davis Cup means playing for the country and not in an individual capacity.

**Q** Is there a strong team spirit in the present Indian Davis Cup team?

**A** Unfortunately, no. Each player is taking care of his own personal interest.

**Q** You were the captain for 20 years—what was the team spirit then.

**A** I never wanted the captaincy—it was thrust on me. Team spirit was there as we played together for many years—in the national circuit too.

**Q** Vijay Amritraj thinks that junior development programmes should be professionalised and encouraged very rigorously and systematically?

**A** Obviously I entirely agree. Take the American development programmes for example. They have a pattern which produces results. Likewise we should also develop the same here. But we do not have the coaches and even if we have, they cannot be compared to the U.S. coaches. We pay very little for sports professionals.

**Q** Would you take up the assignment of developing say five top young tennis players for India?

**A** But are there such players who can be groomed? All this requires time and above all a guiding spirit that can motivate such assignments.

**Q** Would more prize money attract better class of tennis in India and update our level of tennis proficiency too?

**A** In USA they have a 3,20,000 tournament very often. That's obviously a great incentive to any player. Our nation is poor—we have other priorities and tennis cannot be favoured.

**Q** What has been your greatest moments on the tennis courts?

**A** 1) The first was taking India into the challenge round in '66 by beating Brazil at Calcutta. In the match, I beat Thomas Koch down two sets to one. It was a great feeling.

2) Playing the challenge round in '66. Jaideep and I beat John Newcombe and Roche in four sets in the doubles.

3) My very first appearance on the centre court in the '56 Wimbledon—I beat J. Drobny the No. 5 seed in four sets. If you achieve such a victory at Wimbledon you get instant international recognition.

4) In '60 and '61 playing the Wimbledon semi-finals vs. Frazer and then Laver. Two very tough opponents—it was electrifying and I was certainly quite nervous.

5) I was greatly thrilled in '59 to be ranked No. 3 in the world. Frazer and Olmedo were above me. I enjoyed every moment on the court.

**Q** Now what is the greatest one off the court?

**A** Seeing the continuity of tennis in the family. Ramesh is playing and that is my greatest joy today.

# McENROE

## A RAGE FOR PERFECTION

—By RICHARD EVANS—

ON the Wednesday night of the Seiko World Super Tennis event John McEnroe invited me over to the Okura, generally considered one of the top two or three hotels in a city that rightly prides itself on the quality of accommodation it offers visitors. McEnroe and Borg were both staying there so that they would be spared some of the constant attention everyone was receiving at the Kero Plaza.

As we walked through the crowded lobby of one of the world's most cosmopolitan hotels I realised just how much McEnroe needed all the privacy he could get. Nine people out of ten that we passed on our way through the shopping arcade to the Okura's magnificent Chinese Restaurant either commented on McEnroe to the people they were with, or gave some other indication of knowing who he was.

For times during dinner groups of businessmen of various nationalities—American, Japanese, British and Norwegian amongst them—came over and interrupted our conversation. They wanted autographs and only one

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bothered to trot out the normal excuse about it being for his daughter. Yet they were all from that over middle class over 35 age group that is supposed to object so strongly to McEnroe's attitude and behaviour.

They got their autographs but little else. All attempts to engage John in small talk failed. He doesn't like small talk with strangers, especially when they are interrupting his meal.

But like so much else about him, the monosyllabic replies those gentlemen received provided a very deceptive indication of his ability to express himself. By the time we had finished with the almond chicken and sweet and sour pork John was in full flow, laying his points with such vehemence that his head started turning at nearly 180 degrees. Attracted by the pitch of his voice and that special kind of electricity that seems to give off in crowded places, people wanted to find out who this young American with his

chair. After one glance few had to be told.

We covered a whole range of subjects and human emotions for there is little that goes on in the present day world that escapes McEnroe's attention, although by his own admission he is still ignorant about the finer points of much of what he sees and reads. After the third or fourth interruption for an autograph we got onto the subject of fame and its liabilities.

You know I don't enjoy what goes with it, McEnroe said. I mean it's nice to be recognised and to come to a nice place like this and have no trouble

getting a table or whatever. But mostly it's a pain when you can't even walk around without people bothering you. I was watching Prince Charles and Princess Diana on television this evening. They were on a tour of Wales or something. I really feel for that girl. All day she has to smile and go through all that bullshit. And she's only twenty—y younger than me. That's going to be her whole life. But she does it pretty well. I must say.

If it takes a long time, a peculiarly long time for such a quick learner, for McEnroe to come to terms with the fact that as a top class public performer in a highly competitive state, you cannot



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be a celebrity only when you are performing and then revert to a private person the moment you walk away from the arena. The public—yes, those same people whose avid interest in what you do makes you rich—are insatiable. They want great chunks of their idol and feed off every tit-bit voraciously. The press always gets it in the neck but in fact the popular newspapers are 'popular' precisely because they are providing what the public craves.

Sammy Davis Jr., who admittedly was something of an extremist on the subject, always used to tell me he 'owed' the public every time he stepped out of his front door. "They made me and they have a right to my time." Few entertainers would share Davis' enthusiasm for public contact and certainly McEnroe, now as big a celebrity as Sammy ever was, views it very differently despite the fact that he very rarely refuses any reasonable request for an autograph. However, he is genuinely disgusted by the continual probing and dissecting of celebrities' private lives and private problems.

"Did you see that show Dan Rather did on Elvis Presley? McEnroe went on 'I mean Rather's a good reporter or whatever but he started coming up with all sorts of fatuous theories about why Elvis was into drugs and all that shit. It doesn't need any heavy theories, man. He was into drugs because of what the world did to him. And anyway it's none of anybody's Goddamn business. And that goes for politicians, too, as far as I am concerned. If a Congressman likes bananas up his ass, so what? As long as he does his job properly it's got nothing to do with anybody else."

McEnroe's voice was rising in concert with his strength of feeling on the subject and I thought I detected a slight lull in the conversation at an adjacent table during that little discourse. There is no doubt that he does feel strongly about the indignities so-called 'stars' are put through by their fans and the press and although he would do well to take heed of something Time Magazine Media Columnist Thomas Griffith wrote recently ("Only the inexperienced can expect a journalistic transaction to be risk free") McEnroe can honestly maintain that he doesn't want anything to do with journalistic transactions in the first place. He has turned down enough money, thrust at him by eager editors all over the world—especially in Britain—to look anyone in the eye on that score.

But he is, or until very recently, has been, inexperienced in the whole area

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of relations with the media and even if he can never bring himself to enjoy what Griffith describes as "check out counter celebrity journalism" he must, for the sake of his own sanity if nothing else, learn to live with it.

The actor Richard Harris, with more than 25 years experience in the spotlight over McEnroe, has learned to be thoroughly philosophical about it all. "John should realise there is nothing you can do to stop the press printing lies about you. They do it all the time," Harris told me one day when we were discussing McEnroe's problem.

"There are good reporters and bad ones and you've just got to learn to take it all as it comes. Of course it annoys you initially but now I refuse to worry about it. Everytime some huge load of garbage is written about me I just think about how much more I'm going to up my fees next time my agent calls. Right or wrong, your price goes up every time your name hits the headlines. People



pay to see someone they read about all the time."

It will take McEnroe a little while yet to reach that happy state of mind but if Harris, one of the original wild Irishmen, can have achieved it, there is hope for anyone. For somebody who seems to have been in the headlines for so long, it is easy to forget how young McEnroe still is and how little he has experienced in many areas of life. He started to tell me about Irish traditions regarding the funeral of a family member and remarked that he had only ever been to one funeral and even that was not for a member of his own family.

"It was just after I had lost to Connors in five sets in the final of Philadelphia in 1980. One of my father's best friends had just died and I flew back to New York to go to the funeral with my parents. For once in my life I was glad I hadn't won. Everything was so bad that day that I felt it was better I was feeling bad, too. It would have seemed so totally inappropriate if I had come home with something to be happy about.

"It's the Irish tradition that everyone goes back to the deceased's house after

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the funeral for some kind of a party to try and cheer everyone up. But, of course, after a few drinks the women start crying and then, on this occasion, a 50-year-old guy broke down and started sobbing. God, it was awful. I'm just so lucky my parents are so young. They're both 46 and I'll be 23 next year. I've been really lucky being spared any real tragedies in my immediate family. It's so hard to conceive. The worst shock I ever had was when I phoned up Stacy as soon as I got back from Wimbledon: in 1978 after getting to the semis unseeded I hadn't spoke to her for a few days while I had been over in England and I was excited about how well I'd done and was all ready to tell her and she goes 'My father just died.' I was so stunned, man. I just didn't know what to say. I mean I felt such an idiot being all happy about doing well at Wimbledon and there she is burying her father in Los Angeles."

After we had run the gauntlet of gaping diners and escaped back upstairs, we continued talking in John's room for a while whenever the phone was not ringing. First it was Mel Purcell, just checking out the night's action before he hit the town, and then McEnroe's Japanese interpreter called with all sorts of suggestions as to how John might like to spend the remaining hours of the evening.

"He's a really nice guy who's just trying to make sure I have a good time," John said. "He's always wanting to do something for me but he doesn't seem to realise there is nothing much I want to do before I play. I mean if I went anywhere it would have to be in the car and it would all be a big deal. I can't exactly stroll around out there by myself, can I?"

On the evidence of what I had witnessed on our short journeys to and from the restaurant that much was certainly true. So I left him, lying on his bed, watching closed-circuit TV amidst the usual litter of clothes, rackets, cassette tapes and dirty socks that decorate most tennis player's hotel rooms—his wasn't as chaotic as Nastase's used to be but it was close—end took the sort of stroll through the nearby night-club district of Roppongi that is no longer a feasible form of relaxation for a 22-year-old tennis pro as famous as John McEnroe such is the price of success.

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# Blame the British media!

**I**f the Indian cricket team is not pulling in the crowds on its current tour of England the blame for it can be squarely placed on the British media, the press in particular.

When Fletcher and his men were over here last season, the men from Fleet street were forever preoccupied with trotting out excuses for England's inability to win a Test.

They wrote about the heat and dust, the cockroaches in Nagpur and the dreaded finger of the umpires. Remember, the angry letters received from Indian residents in England?

Never once did they give Indians any credit for their ability to play.

Neither the batting of Gavaskar and Viswanath nor the performances of Kapil and Doshi with the ball moved them one bit.

The sum total of it all was that the British public had been given the impression that England were beaten by the conditions and the umpiring and not because of any good play by the Indians.

Gavaskar to them was not a master batsman nor Kapil Dev an allrounder of the same class and explosive ability of Botham. The British press utterly failed to do justice to their abilities.

## Unaware

Is it any surprise therefore that the wicket fans in England failed to show much enthusiasm for the Indians' matches? They seem unaware that there are some superstars in the Indians' midst, eminently capable of providing cricket of the highest class.

It has been stated that the dull series between England and India last season has dampened the British public's enthusiasm.

It was a dull series all right, but then England were as much to blame for it as India, if not more.

In fact, after their defeat in the first Test, the onus was on England to get a move on. However, they were utterly defensive in their approach throughout.

Come to think of it, England may not have lost the first Test, but for the excruciatingly slow batting of Boycott and Tavaré after India had been dismissed for a poor score.

I wouldn't go so far as to say that the British press is anti-Indian, though there have been instances when it has given sufficient cause to arrive at such a conclusion.

However, an excessive concern for their own players has been at the expense of

other performers and to the detriment of sport in general.

Take the Wimbledon coverage, for instance. The English papers will be full of only "Ginny" (Virginia Wade), though she has gone old, or of Buster Mottram "carrying the Union Jack on a solo mission" as if Mottram was a title-contender like McEnroe and Connors.

Last year, McEnroe made no secret of his feelings towards the British press and much of the Wimbledon crowd's hostility towards him could be attributed to the vile descriptions of McEnroe in the papers.

Though England have produced a succession of singularly unattractive batsmen—Coudrey, Graveney, May and the like are exceptions—the British press once went to the extent of dubbing Indians as dull dogs.

Whatever the outcome of the current series, the Indians have clearly enhanced their image and reputation.

Even in the first Test which we lost, the most memorable moments were provided by Kapil Dev. And barely 5,000 were present to watch his electrifying 89.

As if to prove this was no flash in the pan, both Kapil and Sandeep Patil thrashed the England attack in the second Test. How many batsmen would have the courage as well as the strokeplay to score 65 off 55 balls as Kapil did with his side in danger of being asked to follow on?

And how many could have trounced Willis as Patil did, hitting six fours in one over. That, too, while nearing his

century, when most batsmen would be afflicted by the nervous nineties.

Truly Kapil and Sandeep have made every Indian feel proud. After the most creditable draw of Manchester, India have every reason to approach the final Test with optimism.

And if the British public still prefer to stay home, the fault is not ours.

An interesting series have been brought to a heady climax through a thrilling fight-back by the Indians who had virtually no hope at one stage during the second Test.

What more can an enthusiast ask for?

True, the Indians still have their short comings. The move to promote Shastris as opener has failed, as feared in this column, and Gavaskar himself has not made many runs.

The "middle" has been wobbly and Sandeep's return to the team and in such dazzling form is most timely. The attack has been unable to contain the opposition even after removing the top half.

We are still saddled with problems, to be sure, but we appear to have turned the corner and the pressure now will obviously be on England. Every six and four Kapil and Sandeep hit has been like a deadly blow.

We cannot win the series now, but whatever the outcome of the final Test there is every reason to feel satisfied with the showing of Gavaskar and his men.

In its golden jubilee year in Tests, Indian cricket has truly come of age. It is time the British learn to appreciate it.

## Quotes

"There are some idiots organising this tournament. Surely a guy with a fair chance of winning Wimbledon should be able to expect to play on a decent court. The outside courts are so uneven that they are a joke."

—Johan Kriek,  
South African tennis star

"The world keeps changing and we must improve our ideas and not get left behind. Besides the world-wide passions for football demands it."

—FIFA President,  
Joao Havelange.

"It's always been close between us and one of us had to be disappointed. I'm glad it isn't me, because I think I know exactly how he (Ray Clemence) feels at this moment."

—Peter Shilton on being selected  
England goalkeeper.

"The public enjoy a tennis player who can provide them with a big show...as long as it is good-natured. I suppose it is an added pressure for his opponent."

—American Lloyd Bouline  
after beating Ilie Nastase.

"Jarvis has served his apprenticeship—and in my opinion there is no substitute for that. He's a great trier and I am sure he will do a very good job."

—Peter May,  
TCCB selection committee chairman

"We have come here, set shop and we do everything right. Then we get these stir up stories. It is scandalous and disgraceful. I have heard of journalistic licence, but this is ridiculous."

—Ron Greenwood  
negating the rumour that  
Kevin Keegan may go back to England.

## Injury hits Coe's plans

**S**EB COE'S racing programme has been wrecked by a tendonitis attack

All seemed woe for Coe when father and coach Peter told me 'We've tried all the treatment available'

Now the physiotherapist has said there is only one course to take—rest the leg

The news is bound to cause consternation and a severe pain in the pocket of Europe's leading athletic impresarios

Almost certainly it means Coe will not run in Oslo Bislett Games or at Stockholm's Olympic Stadium in a fortnight's time

There appears no chance of Coe racing for Britain against Sweden in Karlstad in July

Said Peter Coe 'Sib won't be doing anything at all until for about a week in the way of training'

'Maybe he will not race again until July 17'

That's when Coe is due to take on Steve Ovett, John Walker, Sydney Marase and Steve Scott over 3 000 metres at London's Crystal Palace

But Peter Coe added 'That doesn't mean Seb will definitely be racing then'

As far as I'm concerned his fitness comes first

And if that means he doesn't race again until the European Champion Trials in September—so be it

## Johners, 70 not out

**C**RICKET commentator Brian Johnston has scrapped plans to go to Australia for the winter Tests because he is to become a grandfather for the first time

He was given the news by his eldest daughter Claire on his 70th birthday

She told him she is expecting a baby on Christmas Day

Johners chortled with delight in the radio commentary box at Old Trafford, Manchester, where he was covering the Second Test against India

There were backslappings and handshakes from the rest of the commentary team, slices of cake and a boisterous drink or two to celebrate the double event

'My wife and I had planned to go to Australia for the winter series and stay with our eldest son in Sydney for Christmas,' he said

But now we'll stay at home. If Claire's baby is early like the Princess of

## IT'S TWO LOVE



**S**INGER Cliff Richard kissed and cuddled tennis star Sue Barker—and spoke of marriage

People see us together and automatically think we are going to get married, he said

We have a wonderful understanding. If we decide to get married you will soon know about it

We have never tried to keep our relationship a secret

But the 41-year-old bachelor insisted 'We would never live together unless we were married. This would go entirely against our religious and moral beliefs'

Cliff and 25-year-old Sue smiled and snuggled up happily as they spoke of their relationship at Wimbledon's pre-tournament garden party

The pop star and Britain's No. 1 tennis girl have been dating as much as possible since meeting at a Shadows concert last November

Sue said 'I am looking forward to having Cliff along to watch me at

Wimbledon. He will give me great confidence'

Wales's was we might get to Sydney in time for the last Test

Johners started the day in typical style with a champagne breakfast at his hotel

He was joined by fellow commentators Henry Blofeld, Christopher Martin Jenkins, Tom Graveney and England's official scorer Bill Frindall

Then it was off to Old Trafford for his programme that has a cult following. A

tribute to Brian was broadcast at lunchtime

We enjoy life together. We are very happy but because of public interest it puts our relationship under tremendous pressure

Cliff said 'There had to be someone to take over from Charles and Diana. They were under tremendous pressure too until they announced their engagement'

Our biggest test will be after Wimbledon when we will be apart for eight weeks. We hate to be apart

An earlier party last week was attended by Mrs. Kathleen Kitty Godfree, 86, who won Wimbledon in 1926

She said 'I won a £5 voucher for Mappin and Webb. I couldn't use it because even in those days there was nothing priced at £5 at the store'

**NORMAN LUCK**

He started commenting on cricket in 1946 and in 1963 became the BBC's first cricket correspondent. He retired in 1972 but continued as a freelance

I would like to carry on for a while yet, he said. I would like to go on while I can still see and hear and while I still enjoy the game and hopefully people enjoy my commentaries

**ALAN THOMPSON**



### Dempsey: a boxing phenomenon

**T**O name Jack Dempsey as the most exciting of all the heavyweight boxing champions is no exaggeration, for he packed more thrills and drama into his ring battles than any other and carried a knockdown punch in each fist to the delight of the thirsty fistiana aficionados.

To be a consistent attacking fighter, one has to be game and durable. Dempsey possessed with qualities and these assets, together with his dedication to physical fitness, made him a terrifying opponent for anyone.

The fact that his record boasts of 49 wins inside the distance from 81 fights, speaks for itself.

Born at Manassa in Colorado (USA) in 1895 of farming stock, his real name was William Harrison Dempsey, but he took the name of Jack because of his admiration of a former middleweight champion who was his boyhood idol.

At 19 he was working in the local lead mines and lumber camps, places where plenty of fighting, bare fist and otherwise, could be had for the asking.

The turning-point in his boxing career came when he teamed with Jack 'Doc' Kearns, a smart young manager who skilfully steered Dempsey to fame and fortune.

When Kearns' approach for a title fight with Jess Willard had been turned down on the grounds that Dempsey was too small, Kearns used his powers to have all the boxing writers clamouring

for the 'Manassa Mauler' to be given his rightful chance.

At 6 ft 1 in and weighing 13½ stone, Dempsey was at every physical disadvantage against Willard, but mere size never bothered Jack who reckoned that the bigger they were the harder they fell.

Dempsey demolished his giant opponent in three rounds, providing the fans with a massacre that has rarely repeated in the ring. Then he retained his crown by knocking out Billy Miske and Bill Brennan, to bereft himself of American challengers.

After successfully defending the title five more times, Dempsey had a three-year layoff because no worthy challenger could be found. Much in his manager's disgust, he had married Estelle Taylor, a film actress and her influence brought about a tragic split between the two Jacks.

Dempsey was bothered with law suits and domestic worries, so in 1926 when a promoter wanted to match him with Gene Tunney, the one time Mauler was sadly out of fighting trim and had to request that the fight should be limited to ten rounds.

They saw the fleet-footed challenger outbox the ring-rusty champion and receive a well-earned decision together with the world heavyweight title.

Dempsey wanted a chance to redeem himself; they again met over ten rounds.

this time in Chicago, when the gate receipts reached the hitherto unprecedented total of 26,58,660 dollars.

To prove to the public that he was more than ready to take back his title, Dempsey had knocked out Jack Sharkey, a high-ranking contender, a victory that caused the crowds to flock in to see if the old 'Mauler' could do what no heavyweight had ever done in the past. Win the championship twice.

Dempsey almost succeeded. For round after round he chased after Tunney and in the seventh he trapped him against the ropes and let loose four punches at the champion's chin in such rapid succession that Tunney's knees were buckling as he was going down.

At this supreme moment in his career, Dempsey tossed his chance away by hesitating to obey the referee's order to retire to a neutral corner.

Meanwhile the champion was struggling to regain his feet and by the time he had done so it is estimated that he had been on the canvas for 14 seconds—thus the 'Battle of the Long Count'.

In the last three rounds Tunney not only kept out of trouble but boxed Dempsey to a standstill to remain champion.

But it was Dempsey who was cheered from the ring and he remained a national hero ever since. The promoters wanted a third match but Dempsey declined.

#### HOSLEY MISTRY

### From Ace to Deuce

## Insult and get paid for it!

**I**S Atlantic City ready for the John McEnroe show? The San Francisco Examiner reported that Caesars World offered McEnroe a nice sum of money to go onstage and field insults. He could be as insulting as he wanted—plus he wouldn't have to worry about a fine!

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Starting last November at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, you can get college credits for a tennis course.

Professional Tennis Management, a seminar devised and conducted by Jim Ferrando, is a 70-hour accredited college course that teaches all you need to know about running a tennis or recreation facility.

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There are books on topspin, running, tournaments, winning matches. Now there's a manual on how to be a ball person.

California Barbara Hultgren has been training ball persons for eight years and just put her notes into a manual that's available for three dollars.

through the United States Tennis Association.

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Officials at a California racquet club couldn't understand why the best teams seemed to be losing in a club tournament. They stopped wondering when they found out that a local sporting goods store was donating free fila outfits to the losers. What ever happened to trophies?

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If you thought you'd heard everything when Hana Mandlikova defaulted out of a final to catch a plane last year, this is topper.

Ilie Nastase defaulted out of the final of the Head Cup in White Plains, NY, to play the consolation final at another nearby tournament he had promised to play in the same week.

Ivan Lendl collected the \$500 dollar winner's cheque with it from a racquet and leaving the promoters with a stadium full of disappointed spectators.

Should the pros call their own lines? It would seem to be hard enough to concentrate on playing a match without worrying about line calls too. But the pros worry anyway.

That's why some pros would prefer to have the final say on what's in or out. Ivan Lendl and Jose Luis Clerc have a mutual agreement that when they play each other, they'll do just that.

We give the points to each other, says Lendl. If I serve an ace and the linesman calls it out, Clerc gives the point to me. We do it a lot because Clerc is a good guy. We don't like to be hurt by a bad line call.

Lendl says players only follow this policy if they talk about it in the locker room before going out to play a match.

If we don't say it, I just follow the linesman, says Lendl, "because you never know what's happening with some players. They just give you the first point and then 1-5-4 in the tiebreaker and you give them a point and they don't give you the next one. So you have to be pretty sure who you're talking to. I know it. I do it with Clerc. It's always going to come out all right."

Of course it works between guys with a mutual understanding, but it could cause something of a mutiny among the rest.

#### STOP VOILEY



**W**HEN Cockade galloped to a victory by a distance in the 1,600 metres Bangalore Colts Trial Stakes seven years ago in the brilliant time of one minute thirtyseven twofifth seconds which was one full second faster than the previous race and course record set by Tristar, it was considered to be a fantastic achievement and many experts opined that the colt was the fastest ever Indian-bred over the middle distance.

That this was a balanced view was borne out by the fact that the record held till the peerless Own Opinion cut one-fifth of a second off it last year.

Against such a background, Camino's equalling of Own Opinion's time when easily winning the trial by five lengths from Fire Flash last week must rank as an extraordinarily brilliant performance and few will question the opinion of champion trainer R.R. Byramji who has sheltered such giants of the Indian turf as Squanderer, Everynsky, Treck Lightning and Almanac to name a few that Camino is amongst the very best of the animals he has schooled to glory.

As was to be expected, the Grey Gaston-Celandine colt who is half brother to former fillies trial winner Correnete De Ouro and who was unbeaten in all his previous three starts was backed as if defeat were out of the question in the small field of six. Shinde took the property of S.C. Khatau, C.M. Khatau and K.C. Khatau to the front on getting out of the gate and kept him there throughout. Soon on hitting the straight, he gave him two delicate taps

## Camino—best of his age

with the stick and then waved it at him till nearing the winning post.

These histrionics however were totally unnecessary as Camino was well within himself at the finish. Fire Flash, who had moved up to challenge Camino at the top of the straight was fully ridden out under the whip by Barclay to hold the fast-finishing Almagest by a head and Carlos who was last till Sublaw dropped out of the race five lengths away. Berkur-Dar was fifth and Sublaw was about 100 metres further away.

On this showing, there is not the slightest doubt that Camino is the best of his age in the land and one does not have to look beyond him for the winner of the 2,000 metres Bangalore Derby on July 18.

Of course, although he has raced four times at three different centres (Madras, Bombay and Bangalore) there is really no body in the country who can say with any degree of certainty how good he really is for the simple reason that he has never been stretched and one can only hazard an intelligent guess of his actual worth.

This is not to belittle Fire Flash who is by Salmelly-Fire Haven who is a front-ranking colt and the wonder is how he failed to make any showing at all in the Nilgiris Derby which was won by Birthday Girl. Carlos lived up to the reputation which he had created when beating Tribute and if Sublaw is the best of the Calcutta bunch, they are obviously a poor lot—Adelina was equally outclassed in the Fillies Trial—poorer even than the bunch of mediocrities who are racing in Western India.

The flickering hope that A.B. David would beat Byramji to the season's training honours was snuffed out

when Byramji sent out five winners over the weekend. After Camino his most impressive winner was Right Ahead, five-year-old son of Right Track-Miss Goolagong who in carrying 63 kilos in the 1,600 metres Racehorse Owners Association Trophy gave the Calcutta Derby winner Royal Mantle 11 kilos and a sound beating. Of the official one length victory is misleading as Royal Mantle could come so close only because Shinde dropped his hands on the Khatau chestnut some distance from the winning post. Byramji has worked wonders with the maiden 4-year-old Araman who had never been on board in all her previous runs. Making the first appearance of the campaign in the Yashwantpur Plate, she made her opponents look bigger hacks than they actually are.

Byramji's strength lies in his 3-year-olds. Four of them made their first appearance of their lives in four different races and each was backed down to odds on favoritism. Bergamo and Ascents won comfortably. Aggregate, who was surprisingly poorly handled by Shinde went down by a neck to The Fury and Kelista was an insipid fourth. Both the losers were ridden by the trainer's first jockey Shinde and both the winners by allowance claimers. Anita rode Bergamo and the manner in which this son of Common Land-Harrier treated the opposition shows that he has a bright future. Although R. Shinde steered Ascents to an easy win, the Hard Held-Final Flower Colt clearly does not have the same potential as Bergamo.

## Hoof marks

The King, a colt by Cupi-Fazia followed in the hoof marks of Silver Shark when he completed a hat-trick by claiming the rich 2,400 metres Turf Club Cup with authority. This was most commendable performance as it is unusual for 3-year-olds to race over this distance so early in their careers. On this showing, he will gain some friends for the Derby but this column is sceptical of him even making the board.

Byramji will be very much in the limelight over the next weekend also when the glamour event of the season, the 2,200 metres Maharaja's Cup will come for a decision. His record in this race is formidable as he has won it five times in the last nine years. He should do so again now as his Track Lightning (Grey Gaston-Traxana) or Almanac (Common Land-Clocked) can win. If both are saddled, then go for Almanac, who by virtue of the fact that he is the younger horse and has won less stake-money will have a pull in the weight.

The other animals to be backed with confidence whenever they run are Breeze who was twice badly interfered with by Shiradi Lamp, Aggregate, who was poorly handled by Shinde and the vastly improved Zealand.



Mike Ferreira receives a cheque of Rs. 20,000 from Y.K. Trivedi, chairman, J.K. Sports Foundation, as sponsorship towards a year's tennis coaching his son Mark is undergoing in USA

# The Ashok Group: Official Hoteliers and Caterers to the IX Asian Games Delhi 1982.

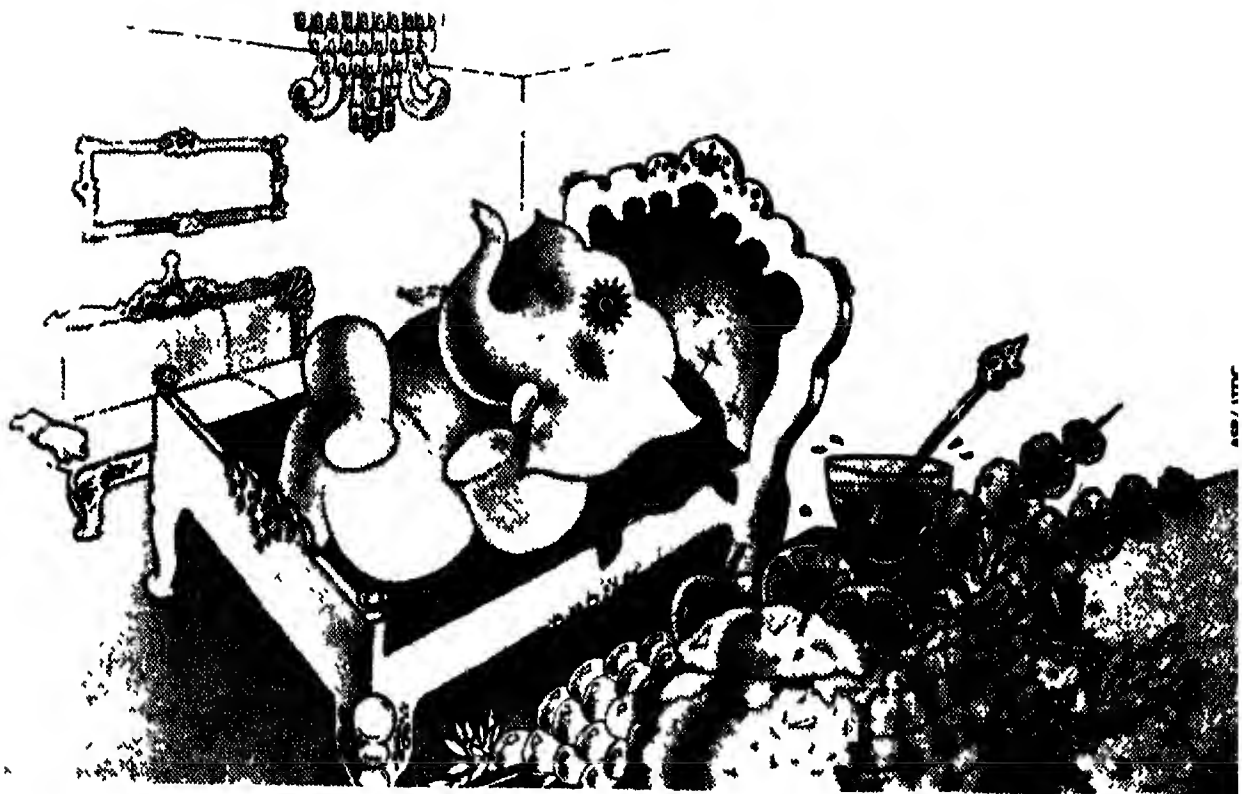
Come November and Delhi will welcome over 5,000 Asiad participants. And the Ashok Group will be busier than ever before, upholding its reputation as a caring host.

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**T**HOSE who heard Anant Setalvad's commentary on the second Test at Manchester may have heard thousands of Indian voices cheering their team in the background. This may have led some of the listeners to the conclusion that only Indians settled in England go to see Indians playing. However, this conclusion is quite incorrect.

I have come to know that on the third day of the Old Trafford Test two Indian cricket correspondents covering the tour, noticed an Englishman at the ground.

"Am I seeing what I am seeing or are my eyes deceiving me?" the first

correspondent said.

"You mean Ian Botham is low and the umpire has not given him out!" the second correspondent said, drawing the typewriter to him and starting to file his despatch.

"No, no, not that," said the first correspondent "I think I see an



Englishman on the ground. Take a look there, near the pavilion, on your left."

"Impossible," said the second correspondent. "What would an Englishman be doing here. Australia is not part of England."

"I know what you mean," said the first correspondent, "but take a look all the

same. Here, take the binoculars and see through them. A little more to the left."

The second correspondent took the binoculars, had a look, and said: "Will wonders ever cease. An Englishman on an English ground to see his team play India. He has to be an Englishman, either that or an Indian who looks like an Englishman."

"We must be very careful in what despatch we send home" said the first correspondent. "We don't want to be like the English correspondents in India, who were standing all sorts of incorrect despatches to their papers, without waiting to confirm them. Like the time they wrote Boycott was not out when the umpire had found him out."

"You are quite right," said the second correspondent. "We better check with the umpires during the tea interval whether the man we have spotted is an Englishman or not."

So, after tea, the two met again. And the second correspondent said to the first: "I had a talk with the umpires. They confirmed he is an Englishman, only his name is Bob Willis."



**Q** HAS any bowler performed the hat trick on his Test debut?

--Sunil Batra, (Jind)

**A** TWO men have achieved the feat. They are M.J.C. Allom, of England, in the first Test against New Zealand at Christchurch in 1929-30 (I.T.C. Lowry, K.C. James and F.T. Badcock were his victims) and P.J. Patherick, of New Zealand, in the first Test against Pakistan at Lahore in 1976 (Javed Miandad, Wasim Raja and Intikhab Alam).

**Q** WHAT is the highest Test score of Brijesh Patel?

--Unsigned

**A** ONE hundred and fifteen not out in the second Test against the

West Indies at Port of Spain in 1976, his only century.

**Q** HAS any Indian completed the coveted double of 1,000 runs and 100 wickets in Tests besides Vinoo Mankad and Kapil Dev?

Ashok I Mehta, (Bombay 54)

**A** NO

**Q** WHEN is the Indian cricket team's next tour abroad?

--S.N. Oswal, (Sadashivnagar)

**A** INDIA will be touring Pakistan from November this year and playing six Tests. The itinerary is being finalised.

**Q** WHAT is the purpose of the sight screen?

T.J. Ravindran, (Hyderabad)

**A** IT enables the batsman to have a better view of the ball. A background of trees or the crowd will make it difficult to sight the ball.

**Q** WHAT is the date of birth of G.R. Viswanath?

--Rajendra Kumar Mundhra, (Calcutta-6)

**A** BORN on February 12, 1949, at Bhadravathi.

**Q** WHO won the Wightman Cup from 1923 to 1935?

--RC Gupta, (New Delhi-4)

**A** THE U.S.A. won in 1923, the inaugural year of the annual

women's tennis competition with Great Britain, 1926, 1927, 1929 and 1931 to 1957 without a break (There was no competition from 1940 to 1945). Great Britain won in 1924, 1925, 1928 and 1930 during this period.

**Q** WHAT is meant by Oriental type of hockey and what are its special features?

--P.K. Mishra, (Dhenkanal)

**A** THE Oriental type is the conventional pattern of play as adopted by Pakistan, India. Its features are a 5-3-2 system (five forwards, three halves and two backs) and short passing.

**Q** IS a batsman out when he is stumped off a no ball? b. Will the team be given one run or four runs if the no ball is deflected off the batsman's pads and crosses the boundary?

--Nasir S. Kafi, (Bombay-70)

**A** A batsman cannot be stumped off a no ball. b. Four runs, to be scored as no balls.

**Q** WHO has taken the maximum number of wickets in a series between India and Australia?

--Jayanta Kumar Baruah, (Tezpur, Assam)

**A** BISHAN SINGH BEDI. In the 1977-78 series in Australia he sent down 219 7 overs 38 maidens, and claimed 31 wickets for 740 runs at an average of 23.87. For Australia, the record is jointly held by Alan Davidson (29 wickets at 15.17) and Richie Benaud (29 wickets at 19.58), both in the 1959-60 series in India.



**INACCURATE** sixth move on Black's part allows White to adopt delayed exchange variation with advantage. Black's position is further compromised by the loosening of the castling pawn front. In the end when the Black Queen strays away to take a pawn, White's mating attack develops with surprising rapidity.

#### CHANDLER-ROMANISHIN

Played in the Telex Cup FIDE-ICCF Team Championship semifinal between England and USSR. Chandler is England's 5th board.

1. e4, e5 2. Nf3, Nc6 3. Bb5, a6 4. Ba4, Nf6 5. 00, Be7 6. Re1, d6 7. Bxc6ch, bxc6 8. d4, exd4 9. Nxd4, Bd7 10. Qf3, 00 11. Nc3, Rb8 12. b3, Re8 13. h3, Bf8 14. Bg5, h6 15. Bh4, g5 16. Bg3, Bg7 17. e5!, Nd5 18. Nxd5, dxe5 19. Nxc7!, Qxc7 20. Nf5, Bxf5 21. Qxf5, Rbd8 22. Rad1, Qa5 23. Kh2, Rd5 24. c4, Rd2 25. Rxd2, Qxd2 26. Re3, Qxa2 27. Qd7, Re6 28. QdBch, Kh7 29. Rf3!, Rg6 30. Rxf7, g4 31. Bxe5, gxh3 32. Qd3!, 1-0.

Ruy Lopez: Black's 6...d6 mixes up two systems. Regular 6...b5 7. Bb3, d6 (Closed Defence). In Steinitz Defence 4...d6 is played (instead of 4...Nf6) when after 5. Bxf3ch, bxc6 6. d4 Black can adopt the strong point defence 6...f6.

Playable is 5...d6 (instead of...Be7) when 6. Bxc6ch, bxc6 7. d4, 7...Nxe4 is available. Also possible in this line is the strong point defence 7...Nd7 8. Na3, a4 9. Re1, f6.

8...exd4! The surrender of the strong point e5 compromises Black's position and his pawn structure is vulnerable 8. Nd7 could be tried, though in the variation mentioned above Black's 5...Be7 might not be a useful move.

15...g5! Black has to weaken his King position and pawn structure further to bring his Bishop to the fianchetto position.

18...dxe5! If 18...cxd5? 19. exd6, Bxd4 20. dxc7 wins.

26...Qxa2! Safer is 26...Qd6 27. Rd3, Qa6, but after 28. Qxe6, Rxe6 29. Rd8ch, Bf8 30. f3 White has end game advantage.

29. Rf3! New Black's game collapses quickly, if 29...f6? 30. Qd7! traps the Rook; if 29...Kg6 30. Qg8, Re7 (or 30...Rf6 31. Bxe5 wins) 31. Bxe5!, Rxe5 32. Rxf7! and mate follows.

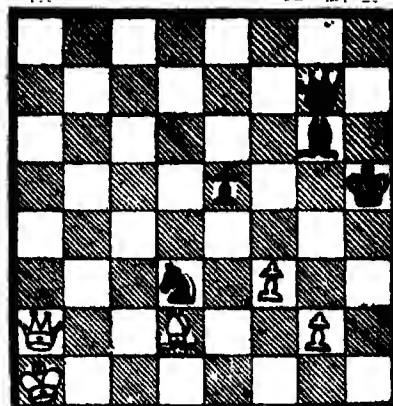
Nasir Ali-Manikandeswamy  
(Nationals, Kanpur)

1. Nf3, d5 2. g3, c5 3. Bg2, Nf6 4. 00, Nc6 5. d4, e6 6. b3, Be7 7. Bb2, 00 8.

Nbd2, Rb8 9. a4, a5 10. e3, b5 11. axb5, axb5 12. dxc5, Bxc5 13. Qa2, Bd7 14. e4, dxe4 15. Nxe4, Nxe4 16. Qxe4, Qb6? 17. Rad1, Rfd8 18. Ng5!, f5 19. Qa2, Nd5 20. Qa5!, h6 21. Rxd4!, 1-0.

Reti Opening. Without stabilising the centre Black's Queen side advance...b5 is positionally unsound. Better than 8...Rb8 may be 8...b6/9 Bb7.

16. h6 or 16. Be7 (instead of...Qb6?) seems necessary to stop the Knight. 20. Qe5! neatly refutes Black's defence, if 20...Be8 21. b4! wins material. After 21. Rxd4!, Bxd4 (or 21. hxg5 22. Rd6!! 22. Bxd4 wins the Queen with the simultaneous mate threat



White to play and win



A 1084  
432  
A6  
QJ97  
N  
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QJ9  
J97  
KJ2  
A1086.

Bidding:

W	N	E	S
1C	Dbl	P	3NT

All pass

**T**HE opponents are playing a natural system with 15-17 HCP no-trump opening bids and five card majors. West's '1C' opening bid could be prepared

Opening Lead D3.

Dummy plays the D6 at trick one and East one Queen. Take it from there.

You will have to get both black suits going in order to make nine tricks. Given time, you can comfortably take ten tricks despite a losing black suit finesse but

the danger is that any losing finesse will finish you if the opponents wake up to their hearts

Out of the seventeen outstanding high card points East has already produced two. He probably has a picture in hearts as well, since with all three high heart honours West would have led a heart instead of launching the attack with that anaemic diamond suit.

Suppose you routinely win the first trick with King and tackle spades, picking up the suit for no loss. You will have to switch around to clubs and after West makes his King, it should not be difficult for him to figure out that you have tricks to burn if the defence continues passively. An intelligent West will find the heart switch in a flash and even an ordinary player in West's shoes will tend to work out of the need for it.

Somehow you have to talk West out of a heart switch! You have to buy time! You have to buy time with a trick you can afford to burn!

Observe the psychological effect of a trick-one duck. East has no reason to do anything, but press on with diamonds. Your knave of diamonds at trick three might look peculiar, but West will be so solid on the idea that his partner has the DK, that winning the Club finesse he will triumphantly continue diamonds with vision of a two or three trick set. The full hand could be:

A 1084  
432.

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K 32	S	54	
	QJ9		
	J97		
	KJ2		
	A 1086		

Against morons you can afford to play the hand out normally you will still wind up with ten tricks. But against defenders who are alert, yet nonetheless of flesh and blood, a trick-one duck will pay off handsomely. Winning the diamond continuation in dummy, you take the club finesse. West will continue diamonds and just you watch his jaw crash when the king appears from you.

What you need on a hand like this is sales talk. You sell an idea and buy the time you need.



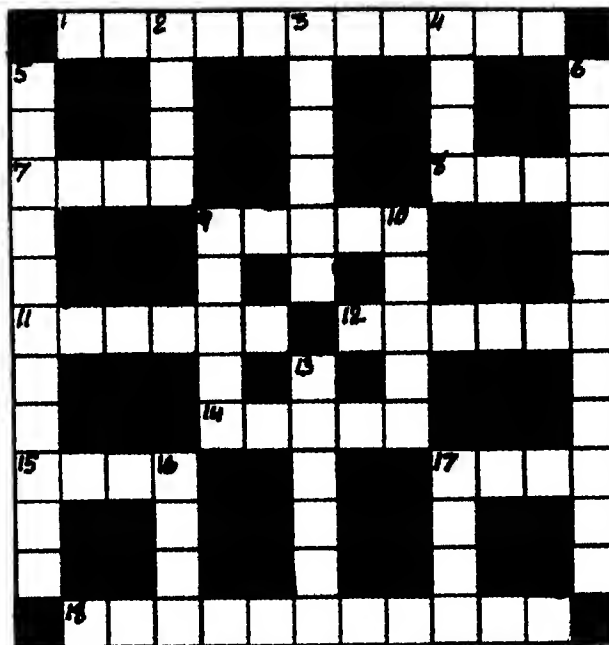


### ACROSS

- 1 The IX Olympic Games were held — — ending with a barrier (2 9)
- 7 They formulate athletic rules (1, 1, 1, 1)
- 8 They govern athletics in India (1, 1 1 1)
- 9 Wrestling is a groan and — sport (5)
- 11 West Indies wicket-keeper ends with a beam (6)
- 12 An accountant begins a board game (6)
- 14 A fast bowler has an heir in the end (5)
- 15 Balm for an English cricketer (4)
- 17 It's kept on top of the stumps (4)
- 18 Gymnastic apparatus starts with a degree (7, 4)

### DOWN

- 2 Soccer governing body comes up (1 1 1, 1)
- 3 English cricketer has a problem coming up in the end (6)
- 4 This Zatopek was a javelin thrower (4)
- 5 Swimming champion who became Tarzan (11)
- 6 Australian all rounder is unwell inbetween (5 6)
- 9 The AICS gives this to various sports associations (5)
- 10 You have to — hard to be a champion (5)
- 13 Selectors — (coming up) the best from the available talent (6)



16 Former Australian cricket captain — Lawry (11)

17 Famous baseballer — Ruth (4)

## How much do you know?



- 1 What is the duration of a woman's handball match?
- 2 What are the longer lines of a hockey field?
- 3 When a kho kho match is replayed after the scores had been equal can the players be changed?
- 4 What does duck in bridge mean?
- 5 Can a starter's decision be overruled by the referee of an athletic meet?
- 6 What is the height of the net posts in badminton?

- 7 What does the term athwart in sailing mean?

### ANSWERS

1 A playing time of two periods of 25 mins each with an interval of 10 mins. 2 The side lines. 3 Yes. 4 To play a low card for tactical reasons. 5 No. 6 5 ft 1 in (1.55 m) from the floor. 7 Across.

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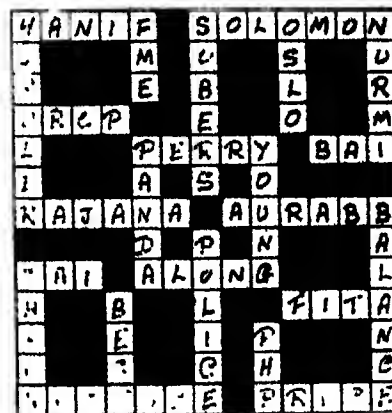
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## Sandy back into reckoning

**F**OR the second time in succession India has pulled itself up from the brink of defeat to a respectable score. In the first Test Venkateshwarar and Kapil Dev did the needful and now in the second Test Sandeep Patil who was sidelined for the first Test has proved his worth by scoring 129 not out aided by that ever dependable Kapil Dev who notched 65 runs.

Both thrashed the leather to glory just when everybody thought that India had failed again. The excitement and joy seeped home through the radio to the thousands of fans back home who revelled at Sandeep who akin to the Phoenix rose from the ashes to prove that he can still be relied upon to do his mite in the form of an exciting ton.

Congratulations Sandeep and to you also Kapil for giving England their due.

Danny Rodrigues  
(Baga Goa)



Sandeep Patil the lion has returned

**H**EARTY felicitations to Sandeep and Kapil, who revived India's score from 176 for six to 366 for eight in the second Test at Old Trafford.

The runs that flowed from his bat surpassed all expectations. At the beginning he was a little subdued and let Kapil do the hitting, but probably that streak of carefreeness must have prevailed and in the end it paid.

Hope we see more of these 'two in the third Test.

—Shrikant Pradhan  
(Ambernath)

## Congrats, Kapil

**C**ONGRATULATIONS to Kapil Dev for winning the 'Man of the Match' award in the first Test. Indeed he deserved the award. His performance in the second Test along with Sandeep Patil was also superb and brought back glory and prestige.

One only hopes that there were more of such all rounders in our Indian line up.

—Miss Prabha Padmanabhan  
(Wadala 31)

## A bad choice

**R**AVI SHASTRI was obviously a very bad choice as an opening partner for Gavaskar in the second Test at Old Trafford.

Couldn't we find someone better than Shastri who showed his worth by getting a duck. It is not easy for anyone to open the innings, especially when we are one down in the series and especially when we are facing a huge total of 425 by England.

The manager has seen the folly and hope he does not repeat it in the third Test.

—Grenville Tyson  
(Dadar, Bombay 28)

## Why we failed

**I**NDIA'S performance in the two One day Internationals and the First Test have revealed obvious and pathetic weaknesses in a controversially selected team.

Firstly we really cannot expect to have batsmen capable of playing fast moving balls or breed pace bowlers of any variety.

Secondly, India has three regular bowlers among whom, Kapil and Doshi can only be called wicket takers.

Gavaskar opines that he does not find it necessary to employ more than four bowlers in a team, in spite of the fact that they have to bowl a compulsive 96 overs per day. This means that Kapil's load is a minimum of 30 overs per day! What's Gavaskar's idea?

Thirdly, what is Ravi Shastri doing in the team. Does his performance justify a place in the team as a front line bowler? And what came of his trying to open the innings with Gavaskar in the second Test.

Nought. He seems to be capable of only

Lastly, without going into any controversy, can we still assert that the selections of Nayak, Parkar and Roy have been fully justified?

If Gavaskar thinks that he is going to go away with this mediocre performance of the whole team including himself, he has another think coming.

—Jaideep Bhattacharya  
(Dharmotola Rd., Calcutta 42)

## Sports tragedy

**T**HE century's biggest sport—soccer is going on in Spain and 52 matches are going to be played in all out of which our dear Doordarshan is going to show only four matches (they have showed the opinion game twice).

How can we make soccer more popular or how can we make our people more interested in sport if we are not in the position to show what sport is going on in other parts of the world?

It is also sad that the Champions Trophy, where India showed great promise in hockey and the Lords Test, (only a few minutes of the last day was shown) were not telecast although assurances were given that they would.

A real sports tragedy one might say even with INSAT up there.

—Rahul Chandawarkar  
(Gultekdi Pune)

## Soccer—second spot

**W**HILE throughout the world attention is at present focused in Spain for the 12th World Cup soccer tournament (which is certainly the greatest sport ever) in India it is strange to find people more bothered about a series of cricket matches between England and India.

Anand Majumdar  
(New Delhi 19)

## Vijay's good show

**V**IJAY AMRITRAJ, is certainly making much headway in this year's Wimbledon Championships.

In the first round, he defeated United States Jeff and in the second round outplayed France's Pascal Portes by defeating in straight three sets.

Vijay at times has upseted many a ranked player and if in a superb form, has more than an outside chance to reach the semis, as he is considered a true threat to top players.

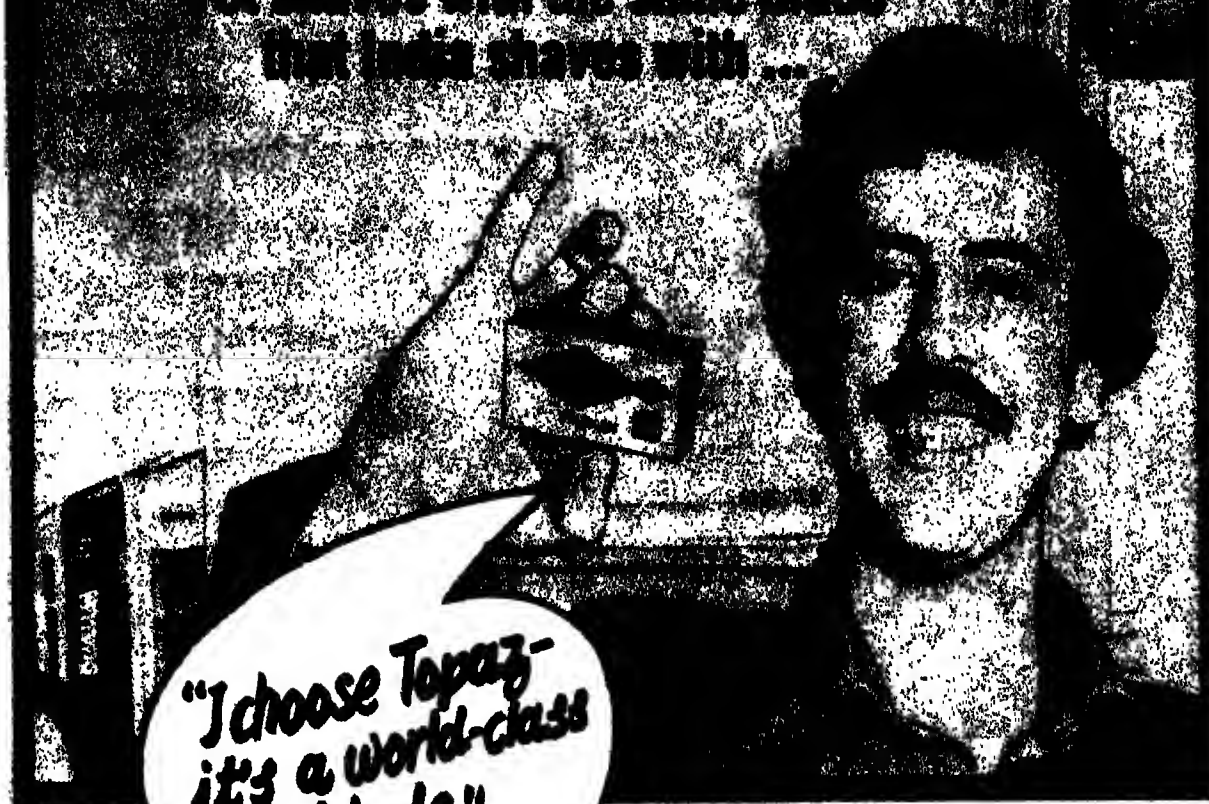
We just hope that he goes for the kill from the word go or else like last year's match, after leading two sets against Jimmy Connors in the quarter final let himself loose for Jimmy Connors to win the match.

Let us keep our fingers crossed and hope Vijay will surpass all expectations and put India onto the tennis map.

—Carlton Fernandes,  
(Dadar Bombay 26)

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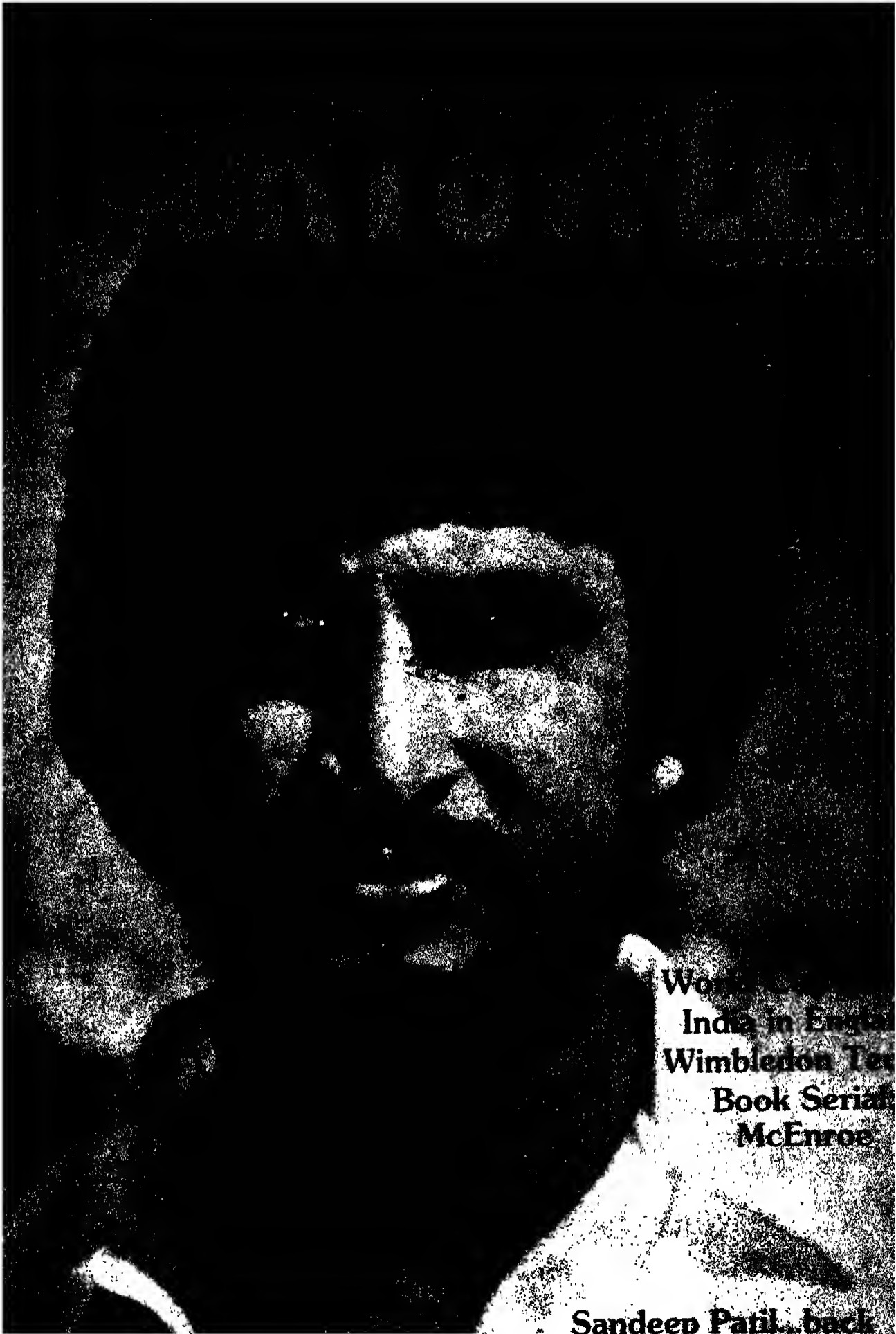
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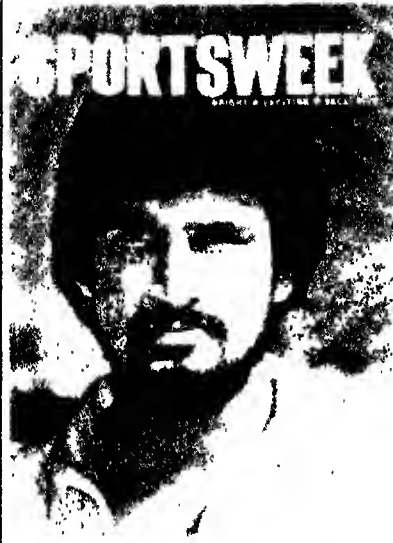
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FOR the sake of his many followers, for the sake of India and last but not



the least, for the sake of himself, Sandeep Patil's exemplary showing in the Old Trafford Test was just the thing one expected and hoped from this talented Bombay batsman

Ever since his brilliant performances in Australia and New Zealand, Sandeep has been the cynosure of all eyes—for his attacking and enlivening batting

But then the rot set in for Sandeep against the touring Englishmen in the domestic series and when his form touched its nadir the national selectors had no option but to drop him from the Test side

Even in the matches against the counties in England, Sandeep experienced only short lived brilliance. But Old Trafford saw him in his element and though very few Englishmen enjoyed the spectacle back home there was much to rejoice over the fact that at long last Sandeep Patil was once again his own self

Transparency. Kamal Julka

# WIMBLEDON '82

## Old King Connors crowns himself again

—By Ian Barnes —



Jimmy Connors leaps high as he beats title holder John McEnroe for the men's singles title

**A**MAZING Jimmy Connors was back on top of the tennis world— the place he always says he belongs.

The Wimbledon title was again in his pocket. And Old King Connors was strutting round his territory, the Centre Court, after one of the most gripping finals of modern times.

It had taken four and a quarter hours to prise the championship from the tenacious grip of John McEnroe.

But there was no doubt Connors, who first tasted success at Wimbledon as long ago as 1974, this time deserved to squeeze every ounce of emotion from a victory that more than once seemed beyond his reach.

Only Bill Tilden, between 1921 and 1930, has bridged a bigger gap between Wimbledon successes. Connors has been runner up three times in the last eight years and, almost unbelievably, this was his first triumph in a major championship since he won the US Open in 1978.

Connors, two months short of his 30th birthday, beat 23 year old McEnroe 3-6, 6-3, 6-7, 7-6, 6-4 to lift the £41,000 first prize and open the gates to riches which will see him comfortably into middle-age and beyond.

More important for his ego and the never-ending psychological war between these two intense rivals, it was the third win over McEnroe in London in the last nine months.

He took the Benson and Hedges title from McEnroe at Wembley in November, ended his three year reign as Queen's Club champion three weeks

ago and now he has taken the biggest crown of all.

No wonder McEnroe sat, dejectedly staring into space as Connors danced around pushing aside officials who tried to stop him embracing his wife Patti at the court side before he accepted the gold trophy from the Duke of Kent.

McEnroe's consolation was that the All England Club at last gave him the honorary membership which is customarily given to champions, but which had been withheld from him 12 months ago.

That will not heal the wounds exposed by hating Connors, who was down and as good as out of it as he laboured to find his rhythm and inspiration in the third set.

He double-faulted twice when serving for a two sets to one lead at 5-4 and then lost the tie-break by a disastrous 7-2.

Instead of McEnroe finding inspiration from such a let-off, Connors charged himself up for one of the most nerve-tingling fightbacks ever he has staged.

He slapped his thighs and clenched his fists, he hammered back service returns that made McEnroe blink.

A row over two service line calls earned him a warning for abusing linesman Grimt. But it was still Connors who took the fourth set in another tense tie break in which McEnroe hit him with his 14th and 15th aces of the match.

He smashed his way to a 3-1 lead in the final set with a blistering backhand.

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# MARTINA MAGIC CONQUERS CHRIS

— By Alan Hoby —



Such power, such determination...Martina on her way to victory over Chrissie Llood

**W**IFELDING her racket like an executioner, Martina Navratilova of the brown eyes and dyed blonde streaked hair won her third Wimbledon singles title on a windy Centre Court beating the crown's favourite, defending champion Chris Lloyd 6-1 3-6 6-2 in 1 hour 27 minutes.

The almost invincible Martina last won the crown in 1979 when she beat queen who? Chrissie Llood. More potent both emotionally and tactically than in her firework days, 27 old Martina picked up £37,500 to add to the estimated £2 million plus she has already amassed from pro tennis.

The richest woman athlete of all time, 25 year old Martina also collected £250,000 from Playtex who offered the prize to any woman who could win championships on three different surfaces.

And if she completes the Grand Slam by taking the U.S. Open in the autumn on cement, she has already triumphed on carpet, clay and grass, she will get another £250,000!

On the Centre Court the former Czech, now a U.S. citizen, vividly underlined against a gallant and determined opponent why she is the best woman player in the world.

## Great variety

Not only does she possess great variety, her massive serve—swung deep particularly in the first and third sets—was deadly. Her top-spin forehand rising then dipping, winged to baseline or corners setting up the volley. Her smashes were almost masculine while her drop shots were flicked for many winners with wristy grace.

In the end the pulsing power Martina generated proved too much even for such a mistress of tactical defence as 27-year-old Chrissie.

Afterwards Martina said "Chris is a very formidable opponent. She added a few grey hairs to my head but the way I am going someone is going to have to be



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really good to stop me. I want to win the Grand Slam so they can put me down as one of the great players of all time."

The first set was a slaughter. Martina surged to 3-1 breaking her opponent's tentative service with an exquisite forehand drop volley.

But in a second set that transformed the match into a classic, the defending champion's army of supporters found their voices again. It was as if they were willing that slim, cool figure to perform a miracle. They were awarded in their emotional support as Chrissie drove back her net-rushing opponent.

After dropping service again to the relentless Martina, Chrissie gritted her teeth. Martina uses an outside racket and must have looked alarming as she strove to put her rival out of the match.

But Chrissie, calling on all her proven character, broke straight back amid the loudest cheering of the afternoon. Then holding service she led for the first time in the match 2-1.

Was Navratilova's volatile temperament, even allowing for her new found self control, about to crack? She broke the champion's serve again. Tremendous stuff.

Altogether there were five breaks of service in that magnificent second set. Chrissie driving straight and deep, broke right back after some tortling rallies.

Not even a bee caught in her hair at break point, a slightly nervous ball boy came to her rescue, could stop her and when Martina mis hit Chrissie's cunning lob, they were level 3-3.

Even the sun had come out. In the eighth game the world No. 1 dropped

her service again and as the crowd yelled hysterically Chrissie squared the match 6-3 after a tense 33 minute set.

The third set was an anti climax. Early on Martina was playing for her life and looked anxiously up at her two advisers, coach Bence Richards, and trainer Nancy Lieberman, sitting in the competitors' box.

In the third game Chrissie led 2-1 after breaking her opponent's service with a flashing backhand volley, one of her best strokes of the match. The fans were jubilant but Martina broke back in the next game to level.

When Chris led 40-15 in the sixth game the fans' mood was merrier, but

suddenly Chrissie's world caved in as she ran into a rash of loose strikes, allowed Martina to reach deuce and then lost the vital point and the game—when she was unable to cope with a heavily seeded backhand winner.

Leading 4-2 Martina's troubles were over. She raced to 5-2 and with a spectacular high backhand volley clinched the title.

Even that grudging Centre Court crowd applauded the winner when she held up the splendid golden plate which goes with the most important women's title in the game.

## Martina could be moving into Fort Knox

**T**HE backhand volley which clinched Martina Navratilova's third Wimbledon championship was touched with pure gold.

It could be worth as much as £5 million.

Victory over gantant defending champion Chris Lloyd, who made Navratilova fight all the way—just as she had in the 1978 and 79 finals—made £37,500 in prize money.

It also earned Navratilova a staggering half million dollars bonus (£285,000) from clothing firm Playtex.

But these sums are merely the foothills of the money mountain that is now about to avalanche Navratilova's way.

Prize money, including bonuses, has already made her £75,000 richer during the first half of 1982.

And Navratilova, who left her native Czechoslovakia seven years ago, can stay at the top for at least five years, says coach Bence Richards.

As Navratilova celebrated her 6-1, 3-6, 6-2 triumph Richards said: "This is a great era for women's tennis and Martina has proved she is the best."

And if Navratilova wins the next big one, the US Open in New York in September, to complete the Grand Slam of the world's four major championships, she may as well move from Dallas to Fort Knox.

IAN BARNES

## Men's singles From P.5

return and had a point to go 4-1 ahead before McEnroe's pride forced him back into the contest.

He clawed his way to 4-5 with some tremendous serving and overhead volleys. It seemed his luck might change for one dramatic moment when Connors double faulted for the 13th time on his first match point.

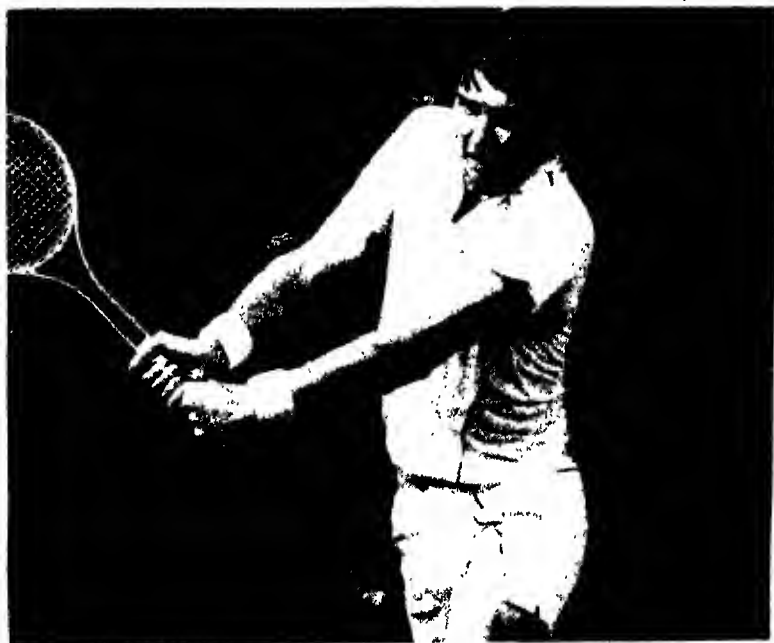
But Connors, the old street fighter, demolished those dreams with the next shot, a service winner so accurate that chalk rose from the line in a small explosion that signalled Jimbo the King is back.

McEnroe was involved in an eye of final row when he squared up to fellow American Steve Denton in the locker room after a stormy doubles semi-final.

Denton, partnering South African Kevin Curren against McEnroe and Peter Fleming, said McEnroe was exceeding his rest time of 30 seconds.

• In the girls' singles India's N. Appa Rao lost to P. Barg (USA) 2-6, 0-6.

• In the boys' singles India's A. Bhargava lost to C.M. Haworth of (GB) 3-6, 3-6 in the second round.



Jimmy Connors, the street fighter who left the champ groggy

HEY SAID...SO THEY SAID...SO THEY SAID...SO THEY

## *The victors and the vanquished speak up after the final show-down*

—From Atul Premnarayan in London—

### James Connors

**"E**MOTIONALLY it has not hit me yet after grinding it out for nearly 4½ hours

"I felt touched by the support from the crowd especially when I remember how unpopular I was against Rosewall when last winning the championship 8 years ago

"I almost double faulted the match away in the third set and it was important to come back strongly in the fourth

"I had a chance of serving out to win the third set but lost it and I had to start regrouping myself

"As it happened my serve actually brought me back into the game in the fourth. Against McEnroe you know you have to stay in fighting for every point. It was a question of kill or be killed out there and neither was going to roll over and die

"Our matches are great because of our determination to win. When I say kill or be killed I do not mean that I am going to die if I lose the match but we do kill



ourselves diving for shots, running everything down and showing all-out guts in playing every point.

"That is why I like playing McEnroe. You have to keep going from the first ball to the last ball. I did not consider that I was a winner until the very last point.

"Against people like McEnroe, Borg or some other guys out there you can never be sure of victory until the final point is won.

"I have had my chances since 1974 and today proved I'm not just a one-timer.

"I am not going to extend my career by another 8 years but my game is still good and strong and if I take care of myself I can play another two or three years.

"There were no scuffles or any rumpus out there and that is how it should be.

"Maybe we are not friends. I have different friends and I do not know him as well as I should but I have a lot of respect towards him and his game. In playing a match like this we did a good job.

"It was important for me to have my family in my corner. Whenever I look up I get encouragement but nobody can do anything for me out on the court. Having the responsibility of a family took some getting used to, but I like it."

### Martina Navratilova

**"I** THINK I won with a combination of talent and hard work. I knew I had to break back quickly when she went 2-1 up in the final set and I decided to come in more.

"I had been too complacent, waiting on the baseline for the fight shot to hit. I attacked her more, cut down my errors and broke back.

"The end came so easily. The major games were when I went ahead 3-2 and 4-2, but at 5-2 I was surprised how easy it was.

"The first set was over in 22 minutes and there were very few rallies. She began to play better but I tried to stay



my spots too much and let the rallies go on too long in the second. Then I tried to raise my game and did it.

"Being the favourite I was expected to win but it is always hard when in this position and when things start slipping away you have to live up to your reputation, the first and last sets went according to my overall plan.

"I knew I had to stick to my strategy and did not have to play fantastic tennis. Since my last victory here in 1979 I am playing better. I am also practising more, up to 3 or 4 hours a day, and I never did that before. Now I know what to do tactically and have improved my technique.

"Not until it was all over did I think 'Oh my God, I have won half a million bucks.'

"It still hasn't sunk in yet. For all that I'd gladly give up the half million if it meant not winning Wimbledon. The crowd was naturally for her though not against me. They cheered my good shots and I was happy out there. There was only one questionable call the entire match and I didn't brood over that.

"I will probably be favourite for the US open but it is on cement and that is Tracy's best surface, even so, I went close to winning last year and someone is going to have to play awfully well to beat me. I have always wanted to be known as one of the greatest players of all time and this maybe is my big chance."

## John McEnroe Jr.

**"I** FEEL bad that I didn't win, but I enjoyed this year better than last. It was tight all through, but he won the bigger points at the end. I thought I would possibly retain the title after the third set.

"The conditions were changing all the time and so was the situation which caused pressures. He served pretty well and at times the court made it difficult to retain. It was roughed up a bit.

"The last three sets produced pretty good tennis. I thought I could have played a little better but I didn't do anything that badly. There were so many bad bounces at the end that I found it difficult to step in and hit the ball. We are both the type of players who need to get pumped up out there and it was very different to last year.

"I didn't feel too great in the doubles but I wasn't all that tired in the singles. In a way the heavy late schedule helped me.

"I knew Jimmy would put a lot of pressure on me but there was nothing in the match that surprised each other. I missed some easy overheads in the difficult wind. I couldn't decide whether or not to go for them and I fell in between.

"I couldn't say that these two weeks have been a lot of fun especially when



for seven days in a row you never knew if and when you would be playing but things generally were all right and I could not say that about a couple of other years here.

"I guess I am pleased to have been made an honorary member of the All England Club. They have made an effort to be nice to me this year and I appreciate it. But I am a bit too tired to go to the Champions Dinner tonight.

## Christine Lloyd

**"I** THOUGHT the match was going pretty well for me after the first set. From the second I was cracking my returns and the game was even for a time in the third although I was never really confident about winning the match. After taking a 2-1 lead I became

tentative and hit short and that was the turning point.

"Martina played well under pressure and she won the match. I didn't give it to her. Basically I am a slow starter. It is a problem I have. I rarely start confidently but gradually get myself into the match.

"I was like two different people out there today. I just wanted to get my game going and finally did. I am not really a hyped up person to start with and neither am I like Martina or Jimmy Connors who jump about there from the moment they go on court. This sort of thing has happened to me before in a final at Wimbledon.

"Martina surprised me a bit by using the drop shot more than I expected. Everyone says that you should attack her backhand and come in but that sort of game is foreign to me. I still prefer the baseline.

"I don't think I took the bull by the horns to win the match. I felt I had my chance and I am pretty disappointed. Believe me, I don't like losing a final at Wimbledon.

"I thought about things for a couple of months after losing in Australia. Martina has had a better year than me and this gave her extra confidence. She is always confident whether winning or



losing. That's what makes her such a good player. After losing that first set so easily I didn't want to be humiliated and I was pleased to get back into the match.

"When I won the second we were in a 50-50 position and in tight situations in the past. Tracy and I usually come out better but now Martina is playing really well and is much more confident.

## How I beat Tracy, by Billie Jean

**W**HY I asked three of the world's leading women tennis players, Chris Lloyd, Billie Jean King and Martina Navratilova, how many of the young pace setters been unexpectedly beaten at Wimbledon?

On the day Andrea Jaeger, just 18, Pam Shriver, 20, and Sylvia Hanika, 22, all highly seeded, went out. Then for the first time ever, Tracy Austin, 19, lost to Billie Jean, nearly 20 years her senior.

The answer from all three was in brief: "Especially in the conditions, rain, delays, hanging about, obtaining at Wimbledon this year."

Billie Jean added: "Intellect, confidence and strokes. All those assets were certainly apparent when I beating Tracy."

"When playing Tracy you feel you want to hit harder and harder. But I resisted that and gave her some half-speed forehands, then one or two with power. My natural instinct is to hit but it does not work against her," she explained.

But Billie Jean did add: "Tracy was not as match tough as she might have been. She has not played a lot this year because of injury."

Martina pointed out that the more experienced players were better fitted

to coping with the conditions. "We have also been playing on grass longer than they have."

Chris Lloyd suggested another reason. She said: "We used to be intimidated by those precocious young players. Now we think of them as tough competitors. We play them as mature persons rather than youngsters, and that means the pressure is now on them."

Not all the youngsters necessarily agreed with this. Pam Shriver, beaten by the left-handed Barbara Potter, admitted that she played badly and said:

"It helped her playing well on court. I would have liked a better court."

Andrea Jaeger put her defeat by Anne Smith down to the conditions and the physical injury that has restricted her play this year.

She said: "At Wimbledon this year I did not know who was going to do what. I have not had a tough match practice. If you are not playing well you have very little chance on grass."

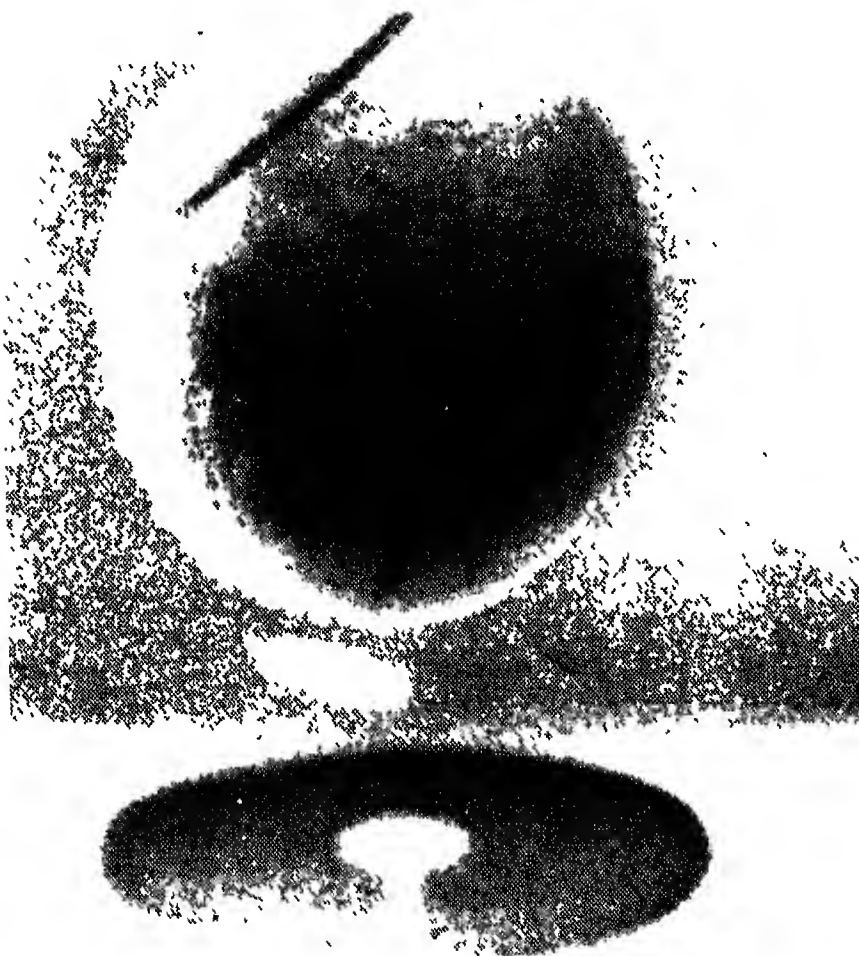
Chris Lloyd summed it all up with: "The year has been more of a battle of mental toughness because of the weather."

And that, of course, embraces experience and the ability to rise above the conditions.

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## Why Amritraj puts up with the amateurs

**W**IMBLEDON is not the favourite whistle stop on the tennis circuit for a number of players.

There is too much hassle, too many amateurs pushing around the professionals who make the show.

I have some sympathy for those players who did not bother to turn up this year and for those who talk of boycotting the event, which is why I was interested to discover the reasons Vijay Amritraj elected to compete.

Along with Bjorn Borg, Amritraj was the only other top class player not to sign a contract agreeing to play in 10 Grand Prix tournaments, which would have given them automatic entry to Wimbledon.

Unlike Borg, however, the Indian did elect to fight through the three qualifying days, and when I finally caught up with him he had just spent three hours 21 minutes on Court No 1.

Finding himself two sets down, he battled back to beat Jeff Borowiak in an enthralling match of a sport that does not normally grab me.

Amritraj, who went out of the championships when he lost 6-4, 4-4, 6-6, 3-2 to Roscoe Tanner, was the definite model of courtesy.

But I was off here with the "hills, the hills, culture, we both experience in matching a few words together."

All I wanted to ask was why he had elected to qualify and he gave me a perfect reason.

### Suckers of the sweet tennis court

**B**IGGEST public relation boob of all time?

A Swedish blooded sweetie in his first six weeks ago with tennis player Mats Wilander, but the director went in for economy cuts.

They decided it was impracticable to engage an unknown player from the Swedish sticks.

Since then Wilander has won the French Open, the hottest new property in the game, and his company queuing to offer him loads of money.

And the board of directors are sucking sour lemons all day every day.

Martina Navratilova has been seen wearing gear emblazoned with the word KIM. By chance, that also happens to be the name for a new brand of cigarette.

The irony is that Martina is a non smoker.



Vijay Amritraj executes a backhand smash during his men's singles match against Jeff Borowiak.

If I were Borg and had won at Wimbledon, I'd like to say I would not be worried about playing Billie Jean, but I would and I would keep trying because it's important.

How long will continue to be important, directly dependent on player and public. The former are enchanted, the latter disgruntled.

The price is high among the organizers, that when there is no complaint, just get out of their amateurish, that the people, for a little, are player and public.

Not a complaint, up and up with an the club.

ALAN THOMPSON

### Magic eye machines in trouble

**S**PARKS are flying over the performance of electronic line monitors, which are provoking the sort of arguments they were meant to stop when they were introduced to Wimbledon three years ago.

John McEnroe and Billie Jean King are just two of the players who have had their tempers tested by the magic eye machines, which are supposed to decide if a service delivery is good or a fault.

Inventor Bill Carleton admits that in the sort of weather that has washed the

championships this year, his machines are liable to make mistakes.

Bob Jenkins, one of Wimbledon's senior umpires, confessed there have been opinions this year that the machines are not as accurate as in the past. But then, they are so finely balanced that the constant moving of the covers on and off the courts is enough to upset them.

The machines on the four main courts fling a beam along the service line. It covers three inches behind the line and 15 inches beyond.

A close but good serve causes a click in the ear piece of the linesman and the illumination of a yellow light. A fault produces a buzzing sound and a red light. The colour signals are repeated in a briefcase size box on the umpire's chair.

### Fighting Billie to quit?

**W**IMBLEDON'S favourite "Golden Oldie" Billie Jean King may have made her last appearance on the famous Centre Court.

The 38 year-old with 20 titles from the All England Club behind her spoke of the future on the night following her semifinal defeat by one of the world's leading women player Chris Evert Lloyd.

Billie, when put up a brave fight before going out 7-6, 2-6, 6-3 said: "I was 27 when I first played Chris here, the same age she is now."

It must encourage the golden oldies when someone my age can do well. Today was possibly the best I have ever played at Wimbledon since 1975. I have not made up my mind if I will return next year.

Chris Lloyd said: "I had no idea what to expect when I went on court. I didn't know if Billie Jean could reach the same standard as she did against Tracey Austin."

### Borg can play next year

**B**JORN BORG can play at Wimbledon next year.

The 26 year old Swede, who was barred from this year's championships because he did not play at least 10 stipulated tournaments, will benefit from a new rule announced by the Men's International Professional Council.

The rule allows the Grand Slam tournaments at Wimbledon, the U.S. Open, the French and Australian Championships to grant a wild card to any player who won their singles title in any of the three previous years.



# When John McEnroe Sr. longs to shout 'shut up'

—By Clive Hirschhorn—

**W**HAT I asked New York lawyer John McEnroe Senior was it like having John McEnroe Junior for a son?

"Well," he said, "it has its problems. For example, no father likes to open a newspaper and read vindictive things about his boy or be told that he's a spoiled, ill-mannered badly brought up brat when actually none of it is true."

Oh, I know you're going to say calling someone 'the pits of the world' isn't very gracious and all that. But in the States it doesn't mean a thing, that expression. Over there, if you order a pizza and don't like it you say, 'It's the pits.' Harmless.

"What I can't defend," he said, "is John's intensity on court and the outbursts it leads to. Believe me, his mother and I die a little every time he carries on and often I've wanted to shout out, 'Shut up, John! Shut up!'" But equally, sometimes I do see his point.

"I mean, when you actually see the chalk flying up as it did on that eventful

opening match with Gullikson last year, well, it's very frustrating."

Added to that is the fact that most of the British officials at Wimbledon have a very cold, stiff upper lip approach to the game. Everything's so formal, it just isn't done to question a call.

And when a player does, as he has every right to do, the superior attitude in the reply is often extremely insulting. John's not the only player to complain about this, you know. It's very off-putting. But this year I'm happy to say things are much better.

I think last year's fuss with John actually did some good after all. Oh, I know, at the time it was pretty devastating," he said, "and no one was more devastated than John himself. But, as I say, I think it's cleared the air. So, with a bit of luck, things should be better in future."

He paused. "You know, people keep going on about John's abnormal behaviour on court. But when you come to think of it, Borg's behaviour is just as



**John McEnroe Senior. "The important thing about my son is his talent. Not his tantrums. That's what's unique about him."**

abnormal. Maybe more so. And I don't mean that unkindly.

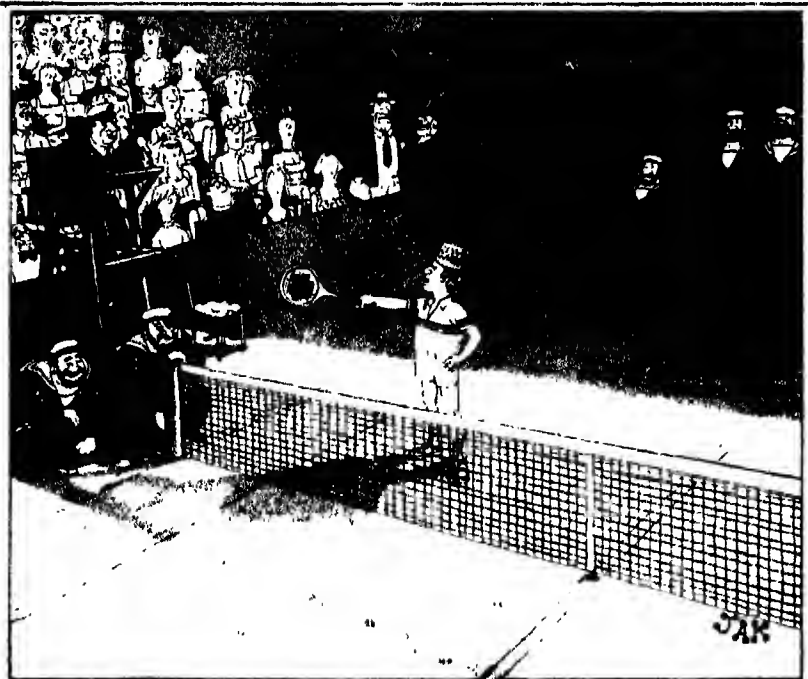
"But do you honestly think it's normal to stay so cool and unflustered regardless of the circumstances? Admirable, certainly, not normal. Absolutely not. It's good to let off steam now and then."

Now the nice thing about being John's father, he said, is the pride. Feel I forget all that 'superbrat' stuff. Most of that garbage is blown out of all proportion anyway. It makes a great story and naturally the newspapers play it up.

Sure, John has his faults, and loses his temper. Don't you? The important thing about my son," he said, "is his talent. Not his tantrums. That's what's unique about him."

"And the talent was there since the age of four, you know. I remember playing with him in the park one day. I was throwing a ball at him and he was hitting it with a bat."

"Well, his returns were so good that a woman came up to me and wanted to know if he was a child or an adult midget, or what? She said she'd never



"They may know nothing about tennis, but at least they speak McEnroe's language."

# McENROE

## A RAGE FOR PERFECTION

ON court Bill Scanlon strums a different tune. Considerably more serious about his career now, Bill is considered a 'niggling' opponent by many players on the tour. He appears to adopt a supercilious attitude that includes barely detectable time-wasting tactics and surreptitious comments to the umpire about his opponent's behaviour. This, in particular, is what drives McEnroe mad. As soon as John queries a call, Bill is likely to tell the umpire not to be intimidated. Some players, who feel that McEnroe does earn himself the benefit of the doubt too often by his constant bitching, would applaud this action. However it does flout the unwritten law most players, including, more than often than not, McEnroe himself adhere to which says that a player should stay the hell out of any dispute between his opponent and on official.

San Francisco had not been the first time that there has been trouble between the two of them and here at Tokyo McEnroe was determined not merely to win but to teach Scanlon a lesson. I had never seen him actively and deliberately go after another player before although there had of course been numerous on court arguments which had sprung up

spontaneously during the course of a match—especially in doubles. However it eventually became apparent that there was nothing spontaneous about this calculated snub.

The first outburst came in the tenth game of the first set with McEnroe leading 5-4 on serve. The umpire over-ruled a linesman's call in McEnroe's favour and Scanlon immediately started talking to the official in confidential tones. That was

### By Richard Evans

enough for the New Yorker. "You're lower than dirt," he shouted angrily at Scanlon. Bill's reaction was to run up to the umpire again and be rewarded when McEnroe was given a conduct warning for 'abuse of an opponent'. However the incident had obviously affected Scanlon because he double faulted the set away and never really threatened to halt McEnroe's grim faced march to victory by 6-4, 6-3.

It was then that McEnroe made his most dramatic gesture. As Scanlon came up to the net to shake hands, McEnroe pointedly walked away towards his chair, picked up his rackets and left his opponent standing

there with his hand held out, looking a bit foolish. Six thousand Japanese, stunned at this breach of etiquette, sat in silence for a few seconds and then loudly applauded Scanlon as he left the court.

With only trainer Dave Fehman in attendance, there was no way the pair could avoid each other in the small locker room and anyway McEnroe was quite content to make the final point.

"Now maybe you'll understand what it's like playing you, Scanlon. I just gave you some of your own medicine, that's all."

"Well fuck you, too," retorted Scanlon whose customary command of the English language seemed to have deserted him temporarily.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of the whole sorry affair was McEnroe's refusal to explain himself publicly when asked about the incidents in a press conference. In a bid to cut off the enquiries on the subject immediately, John told the charming and quick-witted interpreter to tell everyone that it was a private matter and that he was not prepared to discuss it.

This reaction provided another classic example of just how hard and

### John McEnroe Senior..

seen anything like it in her life before and he was four years old!

He started playing tennis properly when he was eight. That's when I took up the game as well. Except I was 32. For two glorious years I was able to beat him. Then he turned 10 and wiped the court with me.

And even at 10," he said, "he had an intensity in his game and a competitiveness—that was frightening."

As soon as I became aware of it I just knew tennis would be his life. He always played to win.

Coming second was the pits. That's still his attitude today. It has to be. If it weren't, he wouldn't be the world's best player. Even when he plays pingpong with his two younger brothers, he plays to win.

*Does he get on with them?*

"Yes. And they adore him, especially Patrick, the youngest, who plays a lot of tennis himself. He's not as good as John, and I'd never agree to his leaving college to become a pro tennis player, as I did with John—but there isn't a jealous bone in his body. Which is nice."

*Has fame and celebrity changed the McEnroe family in any way?*

"Apart from being recognised in the street by total strangers. No," he said

"And that's deliberate. I'm determined that nothing should change us as a family."

"We live in the same house on Long Island as we always have, and the same apartment in New York. The boys go to the same school and we have the same friends as we always did. I guess for John things must have changed but not that you'd notice."

### Nice letter

"He's always on the move and he gets more letters than he can answer or even read. Lots of them coming from Britain. Most of them are nice letters from people saying they like him *and so on*. There's the odd unpleasant one, but what celebrity doesn't get some of those?"

"Apart from that, he's the same intense John that he always was—only richer. But he's still shy, and, believe it or not, hates publicity or being in the limelight."

*Does he worry about the future?*

"What he worries most about, is injuring himself. Athletes' bodies are so vulnerable, and so much can go wrong. If you or I cut a finger, we'd put a Band Aid on it and get on with our lives. But it

John cut himself, he may not be able to play for a week."

"And if ever he was in an accident or broke an arm or leg, well, it doesn't bear thinking about."

"Exactly what he'll do when he's no longer in his prime, is something we've never discussed. I think he'd make an excellent commentator, because he knows everything there is know about the game and he also happens to be extremely witty. But that's well into the future."

*Is it a pity that he's not a professional Wimbledon player and become the best player that has ever lived?*

"It's a nice thought," he said. "But the way the game is going right now I'd say that wasn't on the cards. The depth of new talent that emerges every year makes it harder and harder to stay at the top."

"The financial rewards are so high they're acting like a magnet. More and more talent is being drawn to the game than I'd have thought existed."

"No," he said, "I'm not asking for any more miracles where John is concerned."

"Warts and all—I'll settle for the fact that he's the Number One player in the world."

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uncompromising McEnroe can be, even to his own detriment. It was obvious he had come off as the villain of the piece as far as the public and press was concerned for no one in Japan knew of any prior antipathy between the two men and, on the face of it, McEnroe had simply made Scanlon look a fool for no reason.

Later, McEnroe opened up and explained his feelings to me. "I told him he was too good a player to get up to those tricks. He's beaten me twice in about eight meetings and he can do so fair and square. But he's always trying to get through the umpire by saying things behind my back which no one else hears. He tries to make out I'm the only one who argues over line calls. Well, this time I wasn't going to stand for it and I really lost my cool. I've never wanted to win a match by upsetting my opponent before but I did this time. Did you see how he double-faulted on set point? I'm not sorry. He had it coming to him."

McEnroe had something coming to him as well in the form of another fine. Unfortunately in the light of what transpired, Supervisor Bill Gilmour failed to reach McEnroe before he left the stadium that night to notify him of the fine. Gilmour had no option but to hand John the fine when he turned up next day for his semi-final match against Vince Van Patten. It would have been bad timing under any circumstances but, given the sensitivity of the whole situation and the nature of the fine—'abuse of an opponent' which was an unusual one for John—it was tantamount to striking matches too near the gasoline tank. What finally set the whole thing ablaze was the revelation that McEnroe was the only player to have been fined by Gilmour.

For John that was the final straw. He and several other people had heard one of the Americans called a linesman "a bloody little nip" and Scanlon himself had stuck up a middle finger at McEnroe at the end of the match—a gesture that has cost Nastase thousands of dollars in fines over the years. Yet Gilmour had taken no notice of any of that. Once again McEnroe was being singled out as the lone culprit. It was that which made McEnroe see red of a brighter hue than even he was used to.

People within earshot—and they did not have to stand too close—said it was a memorable performance, not merely for the screaming intensity of the invective which poured out of the player's mouth but for the length of time he sustained it. "I called him every name in the book," McEnroe admitted later. "I went berserk. I was really mad. I must have yelled at him for a good ten minutes."

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The unfortunate Gilmour was appalled at the level of emotional hysteria that McEnroe's temper reached. For a moment he seemed to be on the point of delirium. Again one wondered how so much electric energy could pour out of one body. But of course once the storm had passed there was nothing left. Due on court 15 minutes later, he soon found he couldn't hit a ball. He double faulted on the first point and Van Patten was a set and 30 up with a point for a double break before McEnroe could offer more than token resistance.

The row with Gilmour was never made public at the time but there is no doubt in my mind that it was the prime cause of his loss to Van Patten. I am loathe to detract from the finest victory of Vinnie's career but the fact remains that McEnroe is one of those high stress performers who need to



conserve all their energy for the battle ahead.

Against a less accomplished and less determined opponent than Van Patten he might have been able to give the starter another kick late in that second set and save himself from defeat. But that week in Tokyo, Van Patten—the actor who had turned himself into a top class tennis pro, was keeping a date with destiny.

With double fisted returns and lunging volleys he snatched the \$55,000 first prize with a 6-2, 3-6, 6-3 victory over Mark Edmonson in the final.

At the moment of his first real triumph in tennis, Van Patten's theatrical upbringing did not desert him. Before accepting the trophy, he bowed solemnly to the 8,000 crowd and then blew kisses to his Japanese fan club which had been formed

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some years before when one of his TV series was being shown in Tokyo. For Vinnie the week had turned into the kind of fairy tale every middle ranked touring pro dreams about and the amount of additional press coverage his success received mollified Seiko executives who were not very happy about the way the Grand Prix rules had been implemented over the McEnroe fine.

Gen Matsumoto, the shrewd businessman who, along with Enchi Kawatei and former Japanese No. 1 Osamu Ishiguro, had been instrumental in building up the Japanese Professional Tennis Association, realised full well that McEnroe's defeat had been due at least in part to the fact that he had been handed his fine just before he went on court.

Sageo, of the powerful Deniso PR agency that was responsible for the tournament promotion, was particularly sensitive to the situation as Bjorn Borg, whom everyone had hoped and expected to see play McEnroe in the final, had fallen to Tim Gullikson in the second round. Certainly it could have been handled better and the super efficient Seiko organisation certainly deserved to be better served by the Grand Prix rules than they were—but there was no denying the identity of the real culprit and, as usual, he didn't try to hide.

"It was my own stupid fault," McEnroe told me later. "There was no way I should have allowed myself to get into a raging argument with Gilmour just before I went on court."

"I couldn't hit a ball for five games. But when I saw I was the only one to get fined I couldn't believe it. Was I the only one to see Scanlon stick his finger up at me? Gilmour says he never saw it. I was so mad I just screamed at him. But at least I started playing a little in the second set. That was better than if I had ended up losing three and love without ever getting started. Vinnie played well. He kept changing the pace on me which made it even more difficult to get a proper feel on the ball."

McEnroe was trying to sound matter of fact about it when in reality he was exhausted, annoyed and confused in almost equal parts.

"What am I going to do about these times, man?" he asked me in a desperate tone as he waited to collect his prize money at the stadium before facing the long trek out to Narita Airport. "I'm only a few hundred dollars off the suspension limit and you know I'll never manage to get through a week in London with a clean sheet. Not with those umpires."

After cursing at a photographer who kept lurking around wherever we were talking, McEnroe thought for a minute and then continued: "What happens about the

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Davis Cup if I get suspended after Wimbledon? Do Grand Prix rules apply for the Davis Cup? Because that's all I care about right now. I can afford to get suspended for the Davis Cup. Maybe I ought to bag London. I hate doing that but I really wonder whether it's the right place for me to go in my present state of mind.

He was thinking out loud, happy to have his thoughts fall on relatively sympathetic ears. The antagonism built up all around him. He looked tired and thoroughly dispirited.

I just feel I'm fighting the whole world, he said. But it's the same old story. I get to a pitch where everything and everyone start hugging me and then I know I've done it again. I've played too much. God, I've said it so many times but I must cut down.

Of course he did not run out on a commitment. He went to London and ultimately gave Len Owen and his Benson & Hedges Championships the most memorable final in the tournament's history. No doubt Owen thanked him for helping create more publicity than even a cigarette company could afford, but for mostly all he received was more abuse.

Naturally his action against Scanlon was the talk of the Asian circuit for weeks afterwards. He was brutal and dangerous and the humiliating fellow players because it made them all feel threatened by someone they already considered quite dangerous enough as a legitimate opponent. His talent had set him apart but until now he had always been perfectly approachable in the locker room, watching in a business-casual dress and style amidst such familiar surroundings. To a greater degree than Borg or McEnroe, one of the other top stars who have been travelling with an entourage. McEnroe's reputation as one of the best.

And again, until now, he had not always been directed against the common enemy, official, even if they did sometimes disturb the other man's concentration. But that was no longer quite true. Even if several players secretly applauded McEnroe for having had the guts to give Scanlon a lesson he may have deserved, a communal feeling sprang up which was fuelled by envy and fear. They now had an excuse to sling a few verbal darts at this tough, arrogant leader of their tight and desperately competitive little world.

The discussion was still going on over breakfast in the morning at The Excelsior Hotel in London the following week. Vince Van Patten, Tim and Rosemary Gulley, Bruce Manson, Lloyd Bourne and Bill Scanlon himself.

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were all engaged in what, by then, had become a favourite topic of conversation.

Needless to say McEnroe supporters were rather thin on the ground with Scanlon conducting the orchestra. But 'Scaz' did manage to come up with a few comments that were tinged with a grudging admiration.

'He's a good street fighter. I'll say that for him,' said Scanlon. 'He'll come up with a few comments that are a bit tough to counter. Do you remember what he said to Pfister when they had that row in the doubles in Maui last year?'

Bill had to stop for a quick laugh at the memory of it. 'Mac said to Hank, 'Why are you getting so worked up about doubles? Is it because you can't win any singles matches any more?' Jesus, I mean what can you say to that? And then there was that time he told Kriek, 'at least I say what I think of you to your face instead of having you read it in the newspapers next day.'



You've got to hand it to the guy, he is direct.

But probably not as popular with some of his peers as he had been. Friendship and popularity amongst a bunch of egocentric athletes who are essentially out to beat each other into the ground hangs by a fragile thread at the best of times and these days it takes less than it ever did for it to snap. In that respect the tennis circuit has changed enormously over the past ten years. Rivalries were great but friendships were real in the early days of Open Tennis. Now the money is too big and the pressure too intense. It is virtually a different world with different values.

Ironically no one feels this more keenly than McEnroe himself. Although he is both an instigator and a victim of the present day dog eat dog mentality. I am sure he yearns for a greater sense of comradeship amongst his peers. On more than one occasion, John has told me, 'I never knew

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the circuit in the old days but I know it has changed. No one gives a shit about anyone else deep down. Everybody's just out for himself. It stinks.

But certain aspects of it never change. I was reminded of that when I was invited to the International Club of Japan's annual dinner at the Takanawa Prince Hotel during the Japan Open. I was fortunate enough to sit opposite the I.C. President Yoshiro Ohta, now a venerable gentleman of 81. Apart from making a speech in

almost faultless English, Mr. Ohta took us back into other eras of the game over dinner and spoke with twinkling eyes of the time he played on the Centre Court at Wimbledon in 1927 and also of a Davis Cup match he played against the United States.

I had to play Bill Hilden and I won the first set 7-5. Mr. Ohta recalled obviously with a memory as clear as if it had been yesterday. 'But then he changed his pace on me and I lost the next three sets rather quickly.

The following week John McEnroe was caught out by Vince Van Patten's changes of pace—a similar complaint fifty years on. But in other respects it is a rather different game from the one they played in. Mr. Ohta's time!

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# Superb cricket, but benches alarmingly empty

— By Denis Compton —

IS England's Test cricket being priced out of business? After the financial disaster of last week's second Cornhill Test at Old Trafford, that is the question the Test and County Cricket Board should be asking.

For, despite a superb innings of 128 by Ian Botham and an equally spectacular 129 not out by India's Sandip Patil, the ground's damp benches were alarmingly empty.

Fewer than 22,000 watched the four days' play and the total takings of £72,000 barely covered expenses.

Compared with last year's take there of £295,000 for the match against Australia, this was pitiful and Peter Lush, the TCCB marketing manager, now fears that receipts for this summer's series against both India and Pakistan could produce only half the £1½ million brought in by the Aussies.

This will concern the counties, who will receive a vastly reduced cut, and Cornhill, who have just signed another contract to pump a further £2 million into Test cricket.

I have heard all sorts of excuses for this disturbing slump. That it is difficult

planning for us to play six dreary Tests in India during the winter, then follow with three more over here a few months later. I think we can all agree on that point.

It is also claimed that there has been considerable public backlash from India's "blackmail" over the trip of Graham Gooch and company to South Africa, which resulted in their being banned from Tests for three years.

But I believe the old cricketing friend who accosted me during the Lord's game was much nearer the truth.

"Denis," he said, "what the hell are they doing to this game? The prices they are charging now are monstrous. It now costs a minimum of £4 a day just to get through the gates, or £7.50 to £8.50 a day for a grandstand seat.

"I used to bring my wife and two cricket mad lads to one or two days of every Lord's Test, but who can afford that now? With lunch, tea, a few drinks, travel and parking—and no money returned if it rains—it means around £50 a day and that simply isn't on. More

and more of us are having to stay home and watch it on TV."

Cornhill, of course, have no part in the pricing of Test tickets, but the TCCB, who make the decisions, should be trying to get nearer to the people whose support they need.

Last year's astonishing bonanza with the Aussies was the result of sensational victories blasted by Ian Botham and Bob Willis. And I suppose there is an argument to support reasonably high prices when Australia and the West Indies are part of the show.

But surely, and I mean no disrespect to them, the same prices cannot be justified against India or Pakistan and New Zealand. Who do not command the same public interest despite the fine performances of Sandeep and Kapil Dev in the present series.

I suggest that a top ticket price of £5 or a scheme offering two tickets for the price of one to ensure bigger crowds, might be far less insulting to our visitors and more profitable to us than the banks of empty seats we have seen so far. Why not be realistic and try it?

## Brian Hardie's career-best 161 against tourists

THE Indian tourists were not at full strength in their last county fixture against Essex which ended without providing a result.

The tourists' top performers Gavaskar, Viswanath, Kapil Dev and Syed Kirmani all were rested to give another chance to off-form Roy, Malhotra and Parkar to provide their mettle.

Although Malhotra and Parkar turned fine performances the tourists' bean trust in the dressing room witnessed another unpleasant performance by opener Pranob Roy. A good score by Roy would have put him in contention for a place in the Indian team for the final Test, but in both the innings he fell cheaply to the pace of Pringle and Phillip.

However the tour selectors must have felt happy in the coming back to form of Malhotra and Parkar. Malhotra used his feat extremely well to chip in a fine 85 which included 12 hits to the fence. Parkar coming lower down remained

unbeaten with 60 runs to his credit when India declared their first innings at 258 for seven.

Essex too were depleted by the absence of opener Graham Gooch and paceman John Lever, but Brian Hardie and new Test recruit Pringle came in with exceptional showing. Hardie scored a career-best 161 and Pringle took five wickets in the India first innings.

Sporting declarations on the third day provided entertaining cricket. The Essex batsmen went for quick runs to declare at 175 for four. India needed 254 to win but fell short of 82 runs at close of play with Ravi Shastri scoring a fine 74.

**Brief scores:** Essex 336 (Brian Hardie 161) and 175 for four decl (Ken McEwan 52 n.o. Keith Pont 88 n.o.) India 258 for 7 decl (Ashok Malhotra 85, Ghulam Parkar 60 n.o.) and 171 for five (Ravi Shastri 74, Sandeep Patil 39, Madan Lal 35 n.o.)

## Gatting gets 1,000 runs

ENGLAND discard Mike Gatting became the first player to 1,000 runs this season during a superb 192 for Middlesex against Surrey at the Oval—a career best.

Gatting, who needed 128 when he went in first, had to steer Middlesex through a crisis after four wickets had fallen—all to Robin Jackman—for 53.

He took 130 minutes for his first 50, which included two 6's in an over from David Thomas, but his second half-century occupied little more than an hour.

Keith Tomlins helped in a stand of 86 before offering a low return catch to spinner Giles Cheadle, who was driven over long-off for a 6 by Gatting in celebration of reaching his target.

Gatting, whose previous highest score was his undefeated 186 at Derby last summer, was ninth out off the last ball of the day. He pulled Sylvester Clarke into Thomas's hands at mid-wicket.



# Clash of the Titans

—By B.B. Mama—

**W**HAT Ian Botham can do, Kapil Dev can do better. That was amply demonstrated, both in the Jubilee Test at Lord's and in the rain-plagued second Test at Old Trafford.

At Lord's, Botham entered the fray in yet another crisis situation for England at 37 for 3—all victims of Kapil Dev in a searing opening spell of 10 overs, 3 maidens, 3 for 29.

Botham halted Kapil in his tracks with a retrieving stand of 59 in 74 minutes with David Gower and another of 53 in just 46 minutes with Derek Randall before departing for a well-made 67 in 123 minutes off 105 balls with 8 fours and a six. The foundation for victory had been laid.

After India followed on 305 in arrears, Kapil came out to bat with India in a hopeless position at 252 for 6 despite Vengsarkar's valiant 157. The Haryana Hurricane proceeded to tear England apart.

Kapil Dev hit Ian Botham for 18 in one over, reaching his 50 off only 39 balls out of 67 added to the score with 9 fours and a six. The ninth wicket partnership of 66 with Madan Lal (15) came up in a



**Ian Botham...rescued England at Lord's**

bare 33 minutes, and after a last ditch stand of 28 in 17 minutes with Dilip Doshi (4 not out), Kapil was last out for a tremendous 89 in 78 minutes off 55 balls with 13 fours and 3 sixes.

Another 11 runs off the next 15 balls and Kapil would surely have broken the Test record for the quickest hundred in the least number of balls, which at present stands to the credit of Roy Fredericks of West Indies who reached 100 off 71 balls (his 50 off 33 balls) at Perth, Australia, in December 1975. If Kapil Dev had gone on scoring at the rate he was going, he would have reached 100 off 62 balls.

As if all this was not enough for the day, Kapil Dev then shocked a complacent England, needing only 65 for a win, with successive stunning blows, taking three wickets in eight deliveries in a blazing gesture of defiance.

At Old Trafford, Ian Botham revived memories of his terrific 100 off 86 balls at this same ground last year against Australia (eventually scoring 118 in 123 minutes off 102 balls with 13 fours and 6 sixes) with another superb century, all the more remarkable because in the latter stages he hobbled about on one leg after being hit on his leg by a Suro Nayak delivery.

Botham's 50 against India on the opening day, June 24, 1982, of the Old Trafford Test had come up in 53 minutes off 46 balls with 10 fours, his 100 in 168 minutes off 147 balls with 17 fours, and his final score of 128 in 199 minutes off 169 balls with 19 fours and 2 sixes. He added 169 for the sixth wicket with Geoff Miller in 178 minutes. At one stage, Botham hit 43 in 4 overs—11 off Kapil, another 11 off Doshi and 12 and 9 off Nayak.

Kapil Dev, in exuberant "retaliation" set the Old Trafford ground ablaze on the fourth day, June 27, with a rapid fire 65 in 77 minutes off only 55 balls with 9 fours and a six, reaching his 50 in just 44 minutes off 33 balls, and his rousing stand of 96 for the seventh wicket with an equally belligerent Sandeep Patil was hammered out in only 77 minutes.

A word about the Bombay Bombshell, Sandeep Patil. Miserably out of form on the tour, his previous best being two meagre knocks of 34 vs Nottinghamshire and Gloucestershire in a total of 150 runs in 12 first-class innings, averaging a below-par 12.50, Sandeep suddenly came good at Old Trafford, justifying the tour selectors' persistent faith in his class and character.

Sandeep scored an unbeaten 129 in 210 minutes of blood-pounding action off only 196 balls with 18 fours and 2 sixes. He hit the first 25 of those runs in a sixth wicket stand of 37 in only 30



**Kapil Dev set Old Trafford ablaze**

minutes with Kirmani, followed by the pyrotechnic splendour of that 96-run stand with Kapil Dev, and rounded off with the eighth wicket stand of 97 in 76 minutes with Madan Lal (26).

At one stage, Sandeep Patil smashed 31 off only nine balls to rocket dizzily from 73 to 104. He took a 4 and a 3 off the last two balls of an over from Ian Botham, and then slammed Bob Willis for 6 fours in a 7 ball over which included a no ball, thus equaling the world record of most runs (24) in a 6-ball over, established at Port of Spain by Andy Roberts of West Indies who hit Ian Botham of England for 3 sixes, a 4 and a 2 in one over. Roberts actually scored 25 in the over but the last run was a legbye.

Kapil Dev made an undistinguished Test debut at Faisalabad on October 16, 1978, and it was only in the third Test at Karachi that he really got going with a

**Overleaf**

# Illy's decision: Brave, but mad!

—By Denis Compton—

**R**AY ILLINGWORTH'S decision to take on the captaincy of Yorkshire at this ripe old age is one of the bravest and maddest seen in big cricket in years.

Brave, because Illy, more than anyone else, knows the old maxim that there is no fool like an old fool. And that he, before world cricket where his reputation stands so high, can be made to look old and foolish in the next few weeks.

Also like many sporting managers before him, that could cost him his job.

Yet, whether you or I think his move is wise or daft, he has made it—or has been dragooned into it—in the despairing unselfish hope of helping a demoralised Yorkshire side currently regarded as no-hopers of the game they once dominated.

However the decision was made, Illy is back in flannels and for the first time in his life—after triumphs galore leading both Leicestershire and England—he is now terribly vulnerable, captaining the county of his birth.

Among all the imponderables of Yorkshire's recent troubles and squabbles one thing this latest move proves is that a manager in cricket is no damn use.

For three years Illy has tried desperately to pass on his know-how in the dressing room and on the practice ground. But, as I see it, he has now had to accept that he can only be really effective when control is taken out there in the middle. So that is where he has returned.

In all my time in the game captains in the middle, day in and day out, not managers fuming on the balcony, have been the only ones to apply the control and disciplines that win matches.

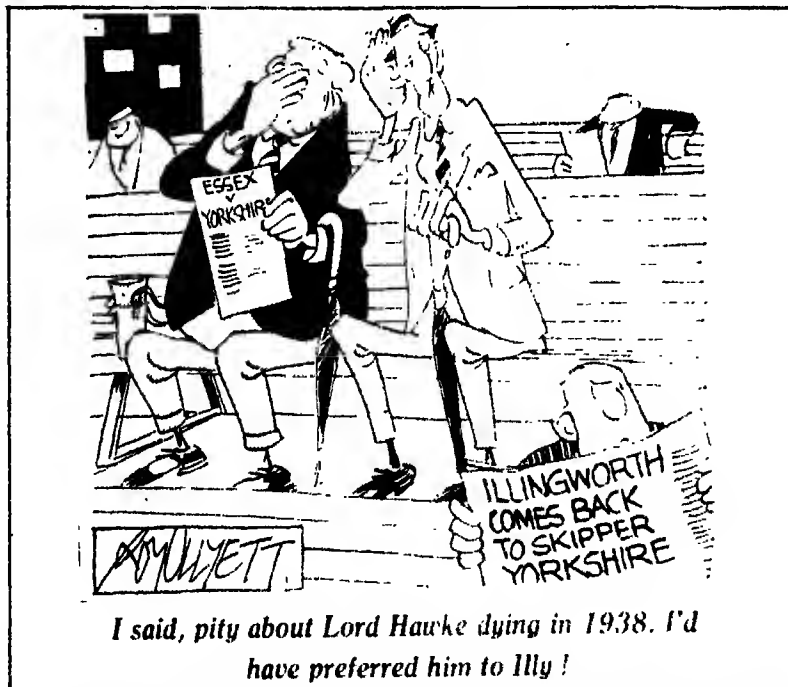
As an outsider watching this great club tearing itself apart in one massive

row after another, it seems to me that all too often there has been one basic factor in all the strife—Geoff Boycott.

I cannot believe that even the obdurate Boycott is responsible for all Yorkshire's ills. But it is just as difficult not to believe that it would have been better for all concerned if Boycott and

appropriate kicks in the pants, I hope Illy succeeds. But in the remaining weeks of the season can the brave chap produce a new captain for next year? Especially when so many in the side who should be eager candidates do not want the job.

No way could I have been able physically or mentally, to return to first-



Yorkshire had gone their separate ways years ago.

No club, no team, and no captain has a chance to succeed in the middle with all the dissensions and backbitings caused by the for-and-against factions in Yorkshire cricket that have been so disruptive for so long.

With some firm persuasion and a few

class cricket at 50- and tackle such a frightening job which now faces Illingworth.

It's the hardest game in the world to return to, having once retired as a player.

I know a few have carried on to an advanced age—nobody knows how old Somerset's Aussie, Bill Almy, was when he eventually put his gear away for the last time! but they can only do that if they have been playing at top level regularly.

Once you stop the first thing, to deteriorate rapidly is your movement in the field, then your throwing arm and, if you are a batsman, your judgement of length.

Illy, of course, has an advantage denied to almost everyone else. He has stayed in the game since he actually stopped playing and has continued to bowl and bat in the nets with Yorkshire.

This will probably have kept him 90 per cent match fit. All he has to do now like most of us is to keep his weight down!

The great Wilfred Rhodes appeared in the Yorkshire side at 53 and George Hirst even made one recall appearance at 57. Illingworth— heaven help him and Yorkshire— may have to try to beat them both!

## Clash of the Titans

cracking 59 in 67 minute off only 46 balls with 8 fours and 2 sixes.

At Calcutta in 1978-79, he hit 61 vs West Indies off 59 balls with 9 fours and a six, and at Delhi he scored that memorable Test career best 126 not out (reaching his 100 with a six) at the age of 20 years 21 days—the youngest Indian to register a Test hundred.

In 1979-80, Kapil smashed 83 off 74 balls with 14 fours against Australia at Madras. He scored 212 runs (av 35.33) and took 28 wickets (av 22.32) in the series. In the same season, he performed prodigiously against Pakistan, scoring 278 runs (av 30.88) and taking 32 wickets (av 17.68), highlighted by the splendid 'double' of 84 off 98 balls with 13 fours and a six,

plus a match haul of 11 for 146 at Madras, including a Test career-best 7 for 56.

In last winter's Tests against England (1981-82), Kapil scored 318 runs (av 53.00) including his second Test century (116 off 98 balls with 16 fours and 2 sixes) at Kanpur, and took 22 wickets (av 37.95). So far, up to the end of the Old Trafford Test, he has scored 1663 runs (av 31.98) and taken 155 wickets (av 28.76). Truly as Freddie Trueman said when handing him the Man of the Match award at Lord's, a mighty all-rounder in the tradition of the all-time great all-rounders Wilfred Rhodes, Gary Sobers, Vinoo Mankad, Richie Benaud, Imran Khan and Ian Botham.

# Tests at the Oval



**B S Chandrasekhar his aggregate of 8 for 114 still represents India's best match bowling figures in England**

A total of 64 Tests have been played at the Oval. England winning 26 of them 12 vs Australia 4 vs West Indies 3 each vs South Africa and New Zealand and 2 each vs India and Pakistan.

There have been 11 wins by opponent countries 5 for Australia 4 for West Indies and one each for India and Pakistan.

India's record at the Oval. Played 6 won 1 lost 2 drawn 3.

The chronology

(1) 1936 In England's 9 wicket win the team total. Hammond's score and Gubby Allen's bowling figures are all the highest for England in any Test at this venue against India. Hammond's fourth wicket partnership of 266 runs is to this day the highest stand for any wicket position by England against India.

(2) 1946 A rain ruined draw remembered for the amazing manner in which Vijay Merchant was run out for 128. Denis Compton a soccer international who had played for the champion Arsenal football team crashed the ball into the stumps with a terrific left footed kick from a fair distance with bull's eye accuracy!

(3) 1952 Another drawn match disrupted by bad weather. In the pre lunch session on the first day Vinoo Mankad conceded just one run in his

Series records	For England	For India
Highest innings total	471 8 dec in 1936	428 8 in 1979
Lowest completed total	101 in 1971	98 in 1952
Top individual score	217 Hammond 1936	221 Gavaskar 1979
Centuries	Four	Two
Highest partnership	266 Hammond Worthington 1936	213 Gavaskar Chauhan 1976
Three figure stands	Seven	Two
Best innings analysis	7 80 Allen 1936	6 38 Chandrasekhar 1971
Best match aggregate	8 117 Allen 1936	8 114 Chandrasekhar 1971

first 13 overs and England's total was a restrictive 56 for no loss at lunch.

However after England had topped 300 losing only 6 wickets India lost their first 5 wickets with only 6 runs on the board. This is a world record for the lowest total to a Test at the fall of the fifth wicket. India's progress reads like this 1 for 0 2 for 5 3 for 5 4 for 6 5 for 6. India made a partial recovery and eventually totalled 98—the lowest at this venue by India.

(4) 1959 England's innings win in the fifth and the final Test created a unique record. It provides the first and so far the only instance in Test annals of any team winning all five Tests in a rubber on English soil. The partnership of 169 runs between Subba Row (94) and Mike Smith (98) is still a record for England's highest third wicket stand in any Test against India.

(5) 1971 India's historic victory the only one so far in 29 Tests in England. It ended England's sequence

of 26 Tests without defeat from 1908 to Manchester 1971—still world record.

Chandrasekhar's aggregate of 8 for 114 still represent India's best match bowling figures in England. England's total of 101 is their lowest in any Test home or away against India.

(6) 1979 India's great bid for victory against tremendous odds thwarted at the heartbreaking end by a mere nine runs after being challenged to get 438 in the fourth innings. This was Gavaskar's 50th Test and he fittingly celebrated the occasion by scoring an immaculate 221 in 490 minutes off 443 balls with 21 fours creating an opening stand record for India in any Test against England—213 with Chetan Chauhan.

It was also in this drawn Test that Ian Botham completed 1 000 runs thus achieving Test cricket's fastest Double in 21 Tests breaking Vinoo Mankad's previous record of the Double in 23 Tests.



# Gavaskar's Test Partners: Part Two

**S**UNIL GAVASKAR'S twenty partner-ships ranging from 50 to 99 runs for the first wicket have been recorded thus: 10 times with Chetan Chauhan, 4 with Anshuman Gaekwad, 3 with Ashok Mankad, and one each with Dilip Vengsarkar, Parthasarathy Sharma and Roger Binny. The chronology

Chauhan again vs Australia (Melbourne) 1980-81

Just for the record, Gavaskar has been out without scoring on three other occasions (making a total of seven dismissals for a 'duck'), but with some runs contributed to the first wicket

68	with Ashok Mankad	v WI (Port of Spain) 1st Inns	1970 71
74	with Ashok Mankad	v WI (Port of Spain) 2nd Inns	1970 71
		(This was on Gavaskar's Test debut)	
72	with Ashok Mankad	v WI (Georgetown)	1970 71
85	with Chetan Chauhan	v Eng (Kanpur)	1972 73
80	with Dilip Vengsarkar	v NZ (Christchurch)	1975 76
51	with Parthasarathy Sharma	v WI (Bridgetown)	1975 76
89	with Anshuman Gaekwad	v WI (Port of Spain) 3rd Test	1975 76
79	with Anshuman Gaekwad	v NZ (Kanpur)	1976 77
52	with Anshuman Gaekwad	v Eng (Bombay) 1st Inns	1976 77
68	with Anshuman Gaekwad	v Ind (Bombay) 2nd Inns	1976 77
97	with Chetan Chauhan	v Aus (Sydney)	1977 78
97	with Chetan Chauhan	v Pak (Faisalabad)	1978 79
58	with Chetan Chauhan	v Pak (Karachi)	1978 79
51	with Chetan Chauhan	v WI (Kanpur)	1978 79
79	with Chetan Chauhan	v Eng (Lord's)	1979
80	with Chetan Chauhan	v Aus (Madras)	1979 80
52	with Chetan Chauhan	v Aus (Calcutta)	1979 80
78	with Chetan Chauhan	v Pak (Madras)	1979 80
56	with Roger Binny	v Eng (Bombay)	1979 80
77	with Chetan Chauhan	v Aus (Adelaide)	1980 81

At the other end of the scale, in the seven first-wicket partnerships between Gavaskar and various partners dissolved without a run on the board, Birmingham in 1974 (his partner Sudhir Naik), then again dismissed first ball of the innings vs West Indies at Bangalore in 1978-79 (his partner Anshuman Gaekwad). On a third occasion, Gavaskar was again out for a 'duck' to the fifth ball of the match vs Australia at Sydney in 1980-81 (his partner Chetan Chauhan).

On four other occasions, Gavaskar's partners were out without scoring and the opening stand still at zero: Farokh Engineer vs West Indies (Bombay) 1974-75, Anshuman Gaekwad vs New Zealand (Madras) 1976-77, then both Chauhan first and Gavaskar second out for a 'duck' with India's first two wickets falling without a run on the board vs Australia (Melbourne) 1977-78, and

stand by his partner first, at the Oval vs England 1971 in an opening stand of 2 with Ashok Mankad, then at Bangalore vs West Indies 1974-75 in an opening stand of 5 with Hemant Kanikar in the second innings, and finally at Calcutta vs England 1976-77 in an opening stand of 1 with Anshuman Gaekwad.

It is interesting to note that in his 134 Test innings as opening batsman upto the end of 1982 Lord's Test, Gavaskar has been the first to be dismissed on 51 occasions for scores ranging from eight fifties (as detailed hereinbelow) to six 'ducks' (as stated in previous paragraphs above).

Chronologically, Gavaskar's eight fifties on being the first to go in the India innings are: 67 vs England at Bombay in 1972-73, 66 vs West Indies at Kingston in 1975-76, 73 vs West Indies at Bombay in 1978-79, 68 vs



Sunil Gavaskar

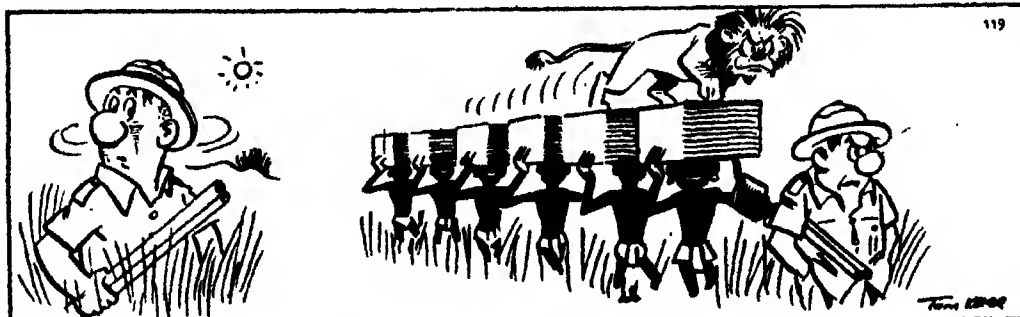
England at Birmingham in 1979-76 vs Australia at Kanpur in 1979-80-81 vs Pakistan at Kanpur in 1979-80-70 vs Australia at Melbourne in 1980-81 and 53 vs New Zealand at Christchurch in 1980-81.

Gavaskar has been the first to be dismissed in the India innings for single-digit scores from one to nine runs on 18 occasions, and for scores from 10 to 49 on 19 occasions.

In the third and final instalment of this feature, I shall detail all the century partnerships in which Gavaskar has figured with various partners for the second to the fifth wickets, as well as the half-century stands (ranging from 50 to 99 runs) with a host of partners for the second to the eighth wickets.

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# Bombay's seventh triumph

**B**OMBAY regained the Ranji trophy championship, defeating the second best side in the competition Holkar in the final. This was Bombay's seventh triumph in the 20-year-old championship.

Before I go into the story of the season's clashes, it will be only proper to record that the 59 year-old C.K. Nayudu laid down the captaincy of Holkar, which he had built up from scratch so to say. If he had felt he was too old for the stiff battles that Holkar had to wage to keep their supremacy, Andhra, his native state and a new entrant, had no hesitation in asking him to lead the team.

How, the spectators at Bangalore would have enjoyed C.K.'s art of batsmanship. And the googly bowling of C.S., who forced Mysore to struggle for runs and took six wickets for 113 runs. Mysore, 290 and 49 for two defeated Andhra, 150 and 188 but the result of the match faded into insignificance before the deeds of the Nayudu brothers. The members of this first ever Andhra team should cherish their association with the two eminent brothers.

The colourful Ranga Sohoni was Bombay's new captain. The selectors placed their faith on young blood who responded to them so well that it was possible to have a winning combination for every match. R.B. Kenny, the light footed batsman, and N.S. Tanihane, wicket-keeper batsman, were the outstanding of such young men who were inspired and guided by such stalwarts as Madhav Mantri, Ravi Modi, Ramchand, Shinde and Polly Umrigar who returned to the side after a stint with Gujarat.

## Outstanding

Mantri was the outstanding batsman with a season's aggregate of 522, way ahead of any other player in the championship. Modi was next best to him with 265, followed by Vinoo Mankad (233). Mankad, with 16 wickets, was the leading bowler and was supported by the leg spinner Shinde and seam bowler G.R. Sunderam, who had bags of 13 and 16 respectively.

A curious aspect of Bombay's attack was that two freshers, K.R. Panjri, a spinner, and S.M. Shankar, who played in the semifinal and final against Madras and Holkar respectively did very well. Panjri got five for 43 and Shankar five for the match for 107 runs. While Panjri did not appear for Bombay again, Shankar played in one match in the following season.

Tamhane, who was to make his mark in international cricket later, had a splendid season behind the wickets. He

had 19 victims (14 caught) in the championship.

Bombay defeated Baroda by eight wickets despite Vijay Hazare's gallant all-round effort, 116 and three for 50, and then overhauled Maharashtra by 10 wickets. Mantri dominated the Bombay batting with a thoroughly competent knock of 193. Maharashtra, however, had good reason to be happy with the form of their youngsters Chandu Borde, H.T. Dani and Bapu Nadkarni.

Borde, besides assisting the attack with his leg-spin bowling, scored a splendid 134 against Gujarat—his skipper Rege made 164, his best in the competition—Dani made 93 and Nadkarni retired hurt at 51. However, Nadkarni revealed all the patience and pragmatism that is to mark his cricket in later years, scoring an unflagging 103.

Bombay then defeated Madras in the semifinal by the big margin of 375 runs. Mankad (111), Kenny (114) and Ramchand (118) led a run riot on an easy-paced Brabourne wicket to total 504. Mankad and Shinde then dismissed Madras for 318 runs, taking five for 124 and four for 113. Consistent batting enabled Sohoni to declare the second innings at 342 for nine wickets, after which Shinde and Panjri dismissed Madras for 149 runs.

## A bulwark

The mantle of C.K. Nayudu fell on his friend Mushtaq Ali, a bulwark of Holkar's batting over the years. More dashing than his mentor, the 39-year-old Mushtaq Ali led Holkar with 'conspicuous success'. The vital difference between Holkar and Bombay was that the former depended too much on their veterans like the skipper, Jagdale, Rangnekar and Nimbalkar, who however, had a lean season, making only 191 runs.

Mushtaq Ali led the average with an aggregate of 376. However, Sarvate had a fine season with the ball and took in all 23 wickets, which was also the season's best. The two young all-rounders Arjun Naidu and S.D. Dhanawade did well with both bat and ball, while Hiralal Gaekwad was always ready to do his bit.

Consistent batting, with Mushtaq Ali leading with 90 runs, and deadly bowling by left-arm Arjun Naidu—five for 34 in the first innings—enabled Holkar to beat Madhya Pradesh for whom W.D. Sane bagged six for 191 by an innings. Rajputana had beaten Uttar Pradesh but found Holkar far superior to them in the Central Zone final.

Especially Rajputana's batting collapsed against the spin attack of Dhanawade and Sarvate supported by the medium-pace of Arjun Naidu and Gaikwad for 125 and 161 runs.

Centuries by Naidu (106) and Nimbalkar (101), not to speak of other good scores helped Holkar to rattle 486 runs in their only innings.

Holkar's quarter-final opponent was East Punjab, whose batsmen also floundered against the spin of Dhanawade and Sarvate. However, they had discovered in young Vijay Mehra, a schoolboy, a very competent batsman, who showed his promise in the second innings with a knock of 96. He was really unlucky to miss the hundred. Thanks to him and his captain Prithviraj (46) East Punjab made 229 in the second innings, though this effort failed to save them from ten-wickets defeat.

## Entertaining

Holkar, for whom Mushtaq Ali scored an entertaining 114 and the diminutive Bhaya, a sparkling 71 (five 4s) raised 350 for nine wickets, declared. Holkar, then beat Bengal in the semifinal by an innings and 315 runs.

The final between Holkar and Bombay was by no means a rousing encounter but it was a very keen one, not fully reflected in the scores. A dour partnership of 152 between Sarvate (82) and Rangnekar (54), after Holkar had lost three wickets for 62 runs, enabled them to partly put aside the predatory instincts of Shankar, Gupta and Mankad and earn 292 runs.

The first of these got two for 47, the other two three each for 95 and 65. Bombay replied with 376 runs, shaking off a poor start through a 122-run third wicket stand between Mantri and Modi. Unbeaten at the close of play Mantri, who played a fine innings of cuts and drives, was out for 91 while Modi scored a century, after a lapse of ten years. He scored 141.

A fine spell by Sarvate and Gaekwad dismissing the last five batsmen for 71, enabled Holkar to bring the Bombay innings to a quick end. The Holkar second innings saw a keen duel between the ebullient Mushtaq Ali (47) and the crafty Mankad, otherwise the innings folded up for 193 runs against Mankad and Shankar, who got four for 61 and three for 60. Bombay then won for the loss of two wickets, Mankad completed a good match with an unbeaten 53.

Madras qualified for the semifinal after a long interval. They had a lucky start to the season winning their match against Mysore, washed out midway by rain, by the spin of the coin as against Hyderabad the previous season and defeated Travancore-Cochin in the South Zone final, a match marked by many good batting performances from the Madras batsmen, of these Balakrishnan's 98 in the first innings.



and P.O. Kapil Singh. The first Test in the second stood out

But the match to remember in this zone was the one in which the three-year-old Travancore-Cochin team defeated Hyderabad. Balen Pandit, one of the finest batsmen hailing from the

west coast who had learnt his cricket in Bombay, came up with 106-run innings while P.M. Anand and K.N.N. Menon skittled out Hyderabad for 125 runs while replying to the former's 241. The match was then drawn with T.C. declared winners on their first innings lead

T.C. Joshi's 113-run knock and the spin bowling of Iqbal Karan and Inderjeet (four wickets each) helped Services to draw the match with East Punjab in the North Zone but the latter were declared winners because of a slender 367 run lead. Prithviraj, captain, scored 139 for East Punjab

## From Down Under

By Kersi Meher-Homji

### A golden coincidence?

**T**HERE were some strange similarities between the first ever England-India Test in 1932 and the first Test in the current series

Both were played at Lord's

England won the toss in both these Tests and batted first. The fall of wickets in England's first innings in both these Tests is remarkable

The first three English batsmen failed to reach double figures in the first innings of both these Tests; the No. 3 batsmen Frank Woolley and A.J. Lamb scoring nine runs each.

India's No. 1 bowlers, Nissar Mohammed in 1932 and Kapil Dev in 1982, claimed five wickets in England's first innings

India failed to reach 200 runs in the first knock. What an odd way to celebrate a golden jubilee!

### RIP—Gutsy Mackay

**T**HE passing away of the courageous Kens—Berrington and Mackay—within 15 months of each other leaves hard to fill gaps in international cricket

Not the most elegant of players, they represented ever-lasting, non-gimmicky cricket. They played hard, but enjoyed their game and passed on their enjoyment to the spectators. Both had brushed aside an earlier heart-attack, but succumbed to the second one. Berrington when 50, Mackay when 56

Among the most stodgy of Test batsmen with a crouched stance and an awkward gait, Mackay was ironically nicknamed "Slasher". When in doubt, he allowed the ball (even from Wes Hall) to hit his chest rather than risk his wicket

As far as Australian spectators are concerned, "Slasher" Mackay was one of the most beloved characters. He loved the game so much, he was eager to serve it in any capacity

He scored 1507 runs at 33.48 and took 50 wickets (av. 34.42) in 37 Tests. He hit 13 fifties without touching the ton. He reserved his best for the Asian spectators: his highest Test score was 89 in the Madras Test and his best bowling effort, 6 for 42 in the Qaddafi Test, both in the 1959-60 series

His career best score was 223 for Queensland v Victoria at Brisbane in 1953-54

A less-known statistic about Mackay is his triple century and all 10 wickets in

an innings in a school match at Brisbane. Only 13 then, he hit 367 runs (80 fours!) and captured 10 for 53, for Vergina School v Sherwood School in 1939-40.

Mackay, who helped make chewing gum a national symbol, is remembered most for his epic 10th wicket stand with Lindsay Kline in the 1961 Adelaide Test against Worrell's West Indies. With Australia on her knees, the final pair incredibly survived for 100 minutes to add 66 runs and helped draw the Test

Mackay had suffered a severe heart attack two years earlier. The sudden death of his wife a fortnight ago was shock from which he never really recovered. His one life ambition, to see Queensland lift the Sheffield Shield, was never fulfilled

### Sydney chases English rebels

**A** SYDNEY cricket club is enticing the banned English cricketers to play for them

Officials of Cumberland District Club, home of Doug Walters, have written to each of the English rebels who had earlier jeopardized their Test future by touring South Africa

Graham Gooch has already replied in the negative. Others like Geoff Boycott, Derek Underwood and John Emburey are believed to be considering the offer. Some have inquired whether they could bring over their wives

Cumberland who finished 10th in a field of 18 in the 1981-82 season, are hoping to have these two Englishmen

### Sheffield Shield

**S**HEFFIELD Shield next season will have two vital changes. The major one would be the introduction of a final to climax the season. This has not been always possible with the system now in use

The second change is a full Shield status to Tasmania. Till last season, they played only one game against each state. Now, like other teams, they will get two games

This will mean 30 Shield matches culminating in the five day final from March 4 to 8, 1983. By that time the Test series will be out of the way and the final will be televised

As England's tour of Australia in 1982-83 will revert to more traditional lines, Test players will be available for at least five out of the 10 matches, plus of course the final

### Don's finest moments

**W**HAT has been Sir Don Bradman's most cherished moment? His 334 at Leeds (including 309 in a day) in 1930 his technically perfect 254 at Lord's his 452\* v Queensland or his school/shield/Test debut?

When Dorothy Goodwin of "The Sydney Morning Herald" asked Sir Donald about the moment he'd love to live again, he closed his eyes and opened his mind to the past

"Ah, it was the fourth Test at Leeds in 1948", he said warmly. "I'm not sure I got as much pleasure solely as an individual as I did from team events"

"We did something nobody gave us a chance of doing. England set us 404 runs to get in 345 minutes on the last day. Well, to sum it all up Arthur Morris batted brilliantly for 182. And I was still batting on 173 when Neil Harvey who came in with eight runs needed hit the winning boundary

"We won by seven wickets with only 13 minutes to spare. It clinched the Ashes. The moment was particularly special for me personally because, remember, I was nearly 40 and not all that fit. It was my last tour. Naturally I wanted it to be a good one

Sir Donald who will be 74 on August 27, continued. "The game was played in the true spirit of sportsmanship. Talent against talent. That's all I'll say, and we showed no jubilation. There was no champagne in the dressing room. We didn't go in for boisterous expression. No high jinks after all the next morning we were due to play another game"

### Speed and Longevity

**T**HE 1982-83 season will "celebrate" (for want of a better word) the golden jubilee of the body-line series. And Mr Bodyline himself Harold Larwood, the English fast bowler who had scared the life out of top Australian batsmen, is happily settled in Sydney for over 30 years

A shy, modest gentleman, Larwood endears himself by his quiet wit. Recently he met another living legend Keith Miller in a Sydney club

"Don't worry about age Keith", Larwood said, "you are a fast-bowler. Do you know there are only six of the English Bodyline side alive? And of them four are fast bowlers, Bill Voce, Bill Bowes, Gubby Allen and me!"

Doing my own research, of India's players in the first Test v England in 1932, only two are alive, Lall Singh and Jahangir Khan. And the latter was a medium-pacer! Who says speed kills?

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# LEGIT

Ian Botham writhes in pain after driving a delivery from Suru Navak onto his leg at Old Trafford in the drawn second Test. Botham, then on 67, continued with a runner and went on to score 128 before being bowled by Shastri

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Gerry Armstrong's powerful shot beats Spanish goalkeeper Luis Arconada for North Ireland's only goal that took them past the host country in their World Cup soccer clash at Valencia, Spain

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## Managers

# Their signature calls the tune

### Brazil's Santana

**T**HE fifty-year-old, publicity-shy Santana became Brazil's first full-time manager at the start of 1980 and immediately cast aside the blanket of caution which had masked the skills which won three World Cups.

Star forward Zico says 'We had been in a tactical straight-jacket. That might be necessary for a club team when you have to mould players of different levels of ability and you need discipline to play home and away, week in and week out. But at national team level—and in Brazil in particular—the players have too much skill, confidence and technical knowledge to be stifled. Brazilian players must be given their head.'

Santana has done just that, with spectacular results. In a three-match tour of Europe in the summer of 1981 Brazil beat England 1-0 at Wembley, France 3-1 in Paris, and European

champions West Germany 2-1 in Stuttgart.

'We've shown Europe,' said Santana in a rare public boast, 'that Brazil remain very difficult opponents even a long way from home. Right now we could beat anyone, anywhere.'

Against England and France the lithe Brazilians displayed a joy of movement and a freedom of expression more normally associated with the famous basketball team, the Harlem Globetrotters. They took each game by the scruff of the neck from the start. There was no need for them to settle in, to get the feel of the opposition. They had such confidence in their ability to run the game that they never stopped to worry about the other team.

Hard as England battled they were never in the same class. Zico's brilliant goal demonstrated the fact, and if England striker Peter Withe was unlucky with his last-minute effort which hit a post, then Reinaldo was similarly unfortunate that the referee refused to play advantage when he

brushed off Alvin Martin's foul as he glided through the middle to beat Ray Clamence.

The Brazilians deserved the goals they scored against France. Again, Zico got the first, and again Reinaldo hit the second—and this time it counted. When Socrates rattled home the third, Brazil had plundered three in half an hour of sublime entertainment.

The Germans could have hidden behind excuses, such as Paul Breitner's penalty miss, but manager Jupp Derwall conceded 'Brazil were the better team. With Argentina they are perhaps the best in the world.'

Team spirit is sky-high under Santana, as much a player's man as Alf Ramsey during his rule in England. A favourite story about him goes like this: at one of the big clubs where Santana was boss, the directors built a major new office block. 'The players use the side door,' they told Santana. 'We use the front entrance and so must you.' Santana refused, and resigned.

Santana was born in Itabirito, a small town in the State of Minas Gerais, on 26 July 1931. His father had founded a local club rejoicing on the name of America Recreativo de São João del Ray. It was with them that young Tele played his first representative soccer as a centre-forward. He was later spotted by Benedito Rosa, the scout who discovered the great Didi, and came to Rio to join Fluminense. He was converted to outside right and played three times for Brazil as one of the first deep-lying wingers who changed 4-2-4 to 4-3-3.

Santana joined the Fluminense youth coaching staff on his retirement in 1965 and took over the first team four years later. But after a row with the president he moved to Atlético Mineiro of Belo Horizonte and turned them into Brazilian champions. It was the first sign of the magic touch that he was to display again both at Grêmio and at Palmeiras—both no-hope clubs transformed into champions.

'There is no secret formula,' he says. 'Just hard work and an understanding of players. Many have ability that is hidden by lack of confidence. My job is to make them believe in themselves, to give them the framework in which to express themselves in their own particular style.' His success in doing that at Atlético Mineiro was such that present-day squad members José Reinaldo, Toninho Cerezo, Paulo Isidoro, and João Leite all developed during his time there.



Brazil manager Tele Santana... "Right now, we can beat anyone, anywhere..."

## Italy's Bearzot

**E**NZO BEARZOT of Italy, the 54-year-old former Torino right half inherited an Italian side where defences reigned supreme, man-to-man marking using four defensive backs plus a sweeper—the catenaccio system—suppressed all but the best of forward lines.

The Italians, once among the most gifted players in the world, now won by stealth, by the breakaway goal rather than by sustained waves of inspired pressure. Bearzot set about changing all that.

He says: 'The system was almost anti-football, but it was understandable. Soon after the war great foreign players made our rich clubs too strong. The others had no alternative but to defend. When this "stop the others" philosophy became accepted Heleno Herrera introduced the catenaccio for a remarkably good loser Milan side.

They were brilliant at defending and counter-attacking and established a type of football that was so successful it was hard to condemn. But we are getting out of those chains. There are fashions in football, *catenaccio* is no longer in mode—and will never come back.'

Bearzot's efforts to end this sterility have earned him unstinting praise abroad, but more reluctant appreciation at home. It seems to please everyone except the Italians, he says ruefully. 'Football supporters in my country are the most critical in the world. Elsewhere spectators respect the players, our footballers are abused mercilessly even by their own team's fans. They want perfection.

The sincerity of Bearzot's mission cannot be doubted. In 1977 he put his job on the line for his beliefs after one of his first matches in charge. Italy had lost 3-2 to England in New York after leading 2-0 but they had gone down in style.

Bearzot remembers: 'At the end I went into our dressing room and told the players that from now on the Italian national team would always play as they had that afternoon—even if it meant occasionally losing matches. If not, I would hand in my resignation. It was a decisive moment. I was hoping the players would back me—and they did. From then on we were on our way to becoming a team.

The tall, dark Bearzot gained only one international cap as the luckless wing half marking Ferenc Puskas during Hungary's 2-0 defeat of Italy in 1957. 'What a great player,' he says. 'And what a great team. That truly was attacking football.'

Gradually Bernardini gave Bearzot more and more responsibility, so it was no surprise when he assumed full command in 1977. He had been taking all major decisions for some time, with

Bernardini merely the public relations figurehead.

Bearzot believes most of football's current problem is its obsession with speed. 'There is far too much emphasis on speed,' he says. 'I accept that the modern player must be an athlete, but he must also have skill. Cruyff is a genius because he can display great skill at fantastic speed. But who else can do that? We need more artists, better technique, dedicated, intelligent players. Not meteorites who flash around for a short while but high-class performers who give lengthy service to the game.

Bearzot's search for knowledge and understanding of international soccer made him a frequent visitor to English League grounds. An imposing stern-faced stranger who drew excited whispers in the early days, he was soon taken for granted—a tribute to the thoroughness of his work.

'British players have great assets: application, bravery, physical strength,' he says. 'But they lack direction, organization—they need traffic wardens to show them the way. It is not always best to go forward. Getting the ball into the opposing penalty area is not the first principle of modern football.'

Apart from fashioning a new Italy, Bearzot is also mindful of his greater responsibilities to the game as a whole. 'We live in an insane age,' he says. 'There is a danger that outside forces could kill football. Politically motivated people cause trouble in grounds, hooligans want to get their "kicks" there. That's why it is essential that the game itself be respectable. We all have an important role—managers, players, referees, journalists.'



Enzo Bearzot...revamped the whole Italian soccer system

## Yugoslavia's Miljanic

**T**HE much-travelled Yugoslav Miljan Miljanic deplores the defensive tactics of modern football which, he says, 'have done much to drag down the standard of play'.

Miljanic, who has known outstanding success at both Red Star Belgrade and Real Madrid, adds: 'It has not been a good time for watching football, but hopefully things are changing. More managers are now putting the skill back into the game. But there are still not enough truly outstanding players. In many countries there are no great players, only good ones. To have a super team, it is necessary to have five or six super players, and I find it difficult to count that number with the whole world to choose from, let alone in one country or one club.'

Miljanic's views are among the most respected in world soccer. His working knowledge of half a dozen languages has allowed him to travel the globe studying tactics, systems and training methods. He is among the most sought after coaches, every time he becomes available, tempting financial offers from Europe, Central and South America flood in. He walked out on Real Madrid after a row in 1978 and has now returned for a second spell in charge of the Yugoslav national team. He first coached in 1973.

Born in Montenegro, Yugoslavia, on 4 May 1930, Miljanic joined Red Star soon after the club's foundation in 1945. He stayed some twenty-nine years, first as an inside-forward, then as a member of the coaching staff. He was so keen to learn that while still a player he paid his own way across Europe to watch the first leg of the 1957 European Champions' Cup final in Spain between Real Madrid and Manchester United.

Later he spent time at both United and Tottenham Hotspur learning English methods. He played more than 400 games for Red Star, but was in and out of the first team. After missing a vital penalty he decided to retire and concentrate on what he loved best—coaching.

In 1967, after a spell in charge of the Yugoslav youth team, he became first team coach to Red Star and led them on a triumphant trail which included the League and Cup double in 1968 and 1970. At the same time he became national team boss and took Yugoslavia through to the second round of the 1974 World Cup finals—beating Spain 1-0 on the way.

His performance drew the attention of Real Madrid, who quickly snapped him up with bait of £75,000 a year. More success followed. In his first season in Madrid they achieved the League and Cup double and then won the Championship again in 1976. But Miljanic's Spartan training schedules upset some of the pampered Spanish stars and his methods were blamed for a prolonged injury crisis in 1976-77. Tired of the

criticism, Miljanic walked out at the start of the next season and joined F.I.F.A's technical study committee for the 1978 World Cup

Arsenal had almost signed Miljanic in 1976. In the autumn of 1978 Chelsea triad again to make him the first foreigner to manage an English club. But he returned instead to lead Yugoslavia's assault on the World Cup

'It is the challenge that I relish,' he says. 'It is the biggest stage and there is no reason why Yugoslavia should not do well. If you look around the world you will see that many of the best footballers in faraway places were born in Yugoslavia. That is part of the reason why we do not do better. Our players can earn good money elsewhere and we have this rule which allows them to leave the country when they are twenty-eight. The other problem is national service, which comes for a year in the middle of their career. In these respects we are our own worst enemy.'

Miljanic also believes the modern game makes unreasonable demands on the top players

'Today's star must have three qualities: skill, knowledge and mental toughness. There is so much pressure on men who have to play every three or four days for weeks on end. Every time they play they have to be very good, it is expected of them by the fans. The newspapers, the television. One bad game is a catastrophe which brings increased pressure to score a resounding success next time.'

## Spain's Santamaria

**A**NOTHER member of that great Real Madrid side that Miljanic might have mentioned is José Santamaria—'La Muralla' (the Wall)—their granite centre-back. Santamaria, entrusted with the task of making Spain the sixth host nation to win the World Cup, featured in the all-conquering Real team in 1958, 1959 and 1960.

He was born in Uruguay of Spanish parents and made his name playing for the 1981 World Cup Champions, Nacional of Montevideo. He was offered a place in Uruguay's 1950 World Cup squad but Nacional refused permission for him to travel to the finals—and Uruguay's eventual victory.

But he was in the Uruguay team for their 1954 defence of the World Cup in Switzerland, playing in the 4-2 defeat by Hungary which is still recalled as the greatest match of all time. Among those watching the brilliant young stopper was Real's legendary president, Santiago Bernabeu.

Bernabeu noted down the name. A few months later his impression was confirmed when Real's new Argentinian inside left Hector Rial announced in an interview that for him, José Santamaria

was one of the world's very best defenders.

He was an immediate hit with the crowd, and his impact on the Real defence was equally dramatic. In his first season Real conceded only twenty-six goals in thirty-five League matches to claim the title. Santamaria went on to collect nine caps with his parents' country—to go with his twenty-five for Uruguay—so joining Real clubmates Di Stefano (Argentina) and Puskas (Hungary) as double internationals who appeared for Spain.

The Spanish Federation put Santamaria in charge of their 1968 Olympic squad, and then made him national youth coach. But in 1971 he moved to club football, taking over Espanol of Barcelona for the remarkably long time, by Spanish standards, of five years.

Santamaria's World Cup preparations were hardly helped at the start of the 1981-82 season when a players' strike wiped out the first two weekends' programmes. 'Everybody expects so much of course,' he says. 'And they have a right to. We have players who are capable of competing with the best, and I am confident we can show the world the exciting face of Spanish football. For me it is as thrilling as the great days at Real.'

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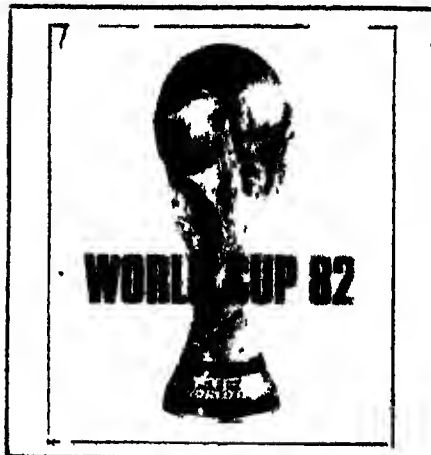
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# Shock after Shock



## AS GIANTS TOPPLE

**S**MILING Italian manager Enzo Bearzot said Italy's performance was the logical consequence of their work in the first round and was due to hard work and the good physical shape of the players.

He said Italy had a three to one lead and then suffered the Brazilian second equaliser. Perhaps our opponent relaxed and thought they could win and this allowed us the pace which we took advantage of.

Asked about his side's opponent against Poland, who will miss striker Zbigniew Boniek, Bearzot said: "I don't think Boniek's absence will ruin Poland. With or without him they will be a difficult team to beat."

Brazilian manager Telê Santana said individual mistakes cost his team the match. "I've always said Brazil is not an unbeatable team. We made mistakes and they were taken full advantage of," he said.

Santana added: "Brazil played better than against Argentina. We were calmer, passed better and built more attacks. Against Argentina we played badly in the first half and were winning. Today we deserved to be winning at half time and were a goal down."

Asked if Italy could win the cup, Santana said: "They played badly in the first round but recovered well. If they play as they played against Argentina and especially against us today they must have a good chance."

### Fragile genius shattered

**B**RAZIL's fragile genius was shattered by Italy in Barcelona last week leaving the 1982 World Soccer cup at the mercy of four European nations.

The Brazilians after four dazzling victories that confirmed their status as favourites suffered a stunning 3-2 defeat at the hands of Italy, who went

through to a semi-final meeting with Poland in Barcelona's Nou Camp stadium.

The story of this, the 23rd day of the 1982 finals, was written in Barcelona where Brazil's sumo-like attacking skills were overshadowed by the dreadful shortcomings of their defence.

As the Brazilian defence faltered, Italian centre forward Paolo Rossi repaid the faith his manager Enzo Bearzot has placed in him since he returned in April from a two-year suspension by scoring all three of his country's goals.

Even taking into account the generous amount of space given him, Rossi's finishing was of the highest order, recalling his brilliant performance in the 1978 finals in Argentina.

Brazil twice fell behind twice equalised through Socrates and Falcão

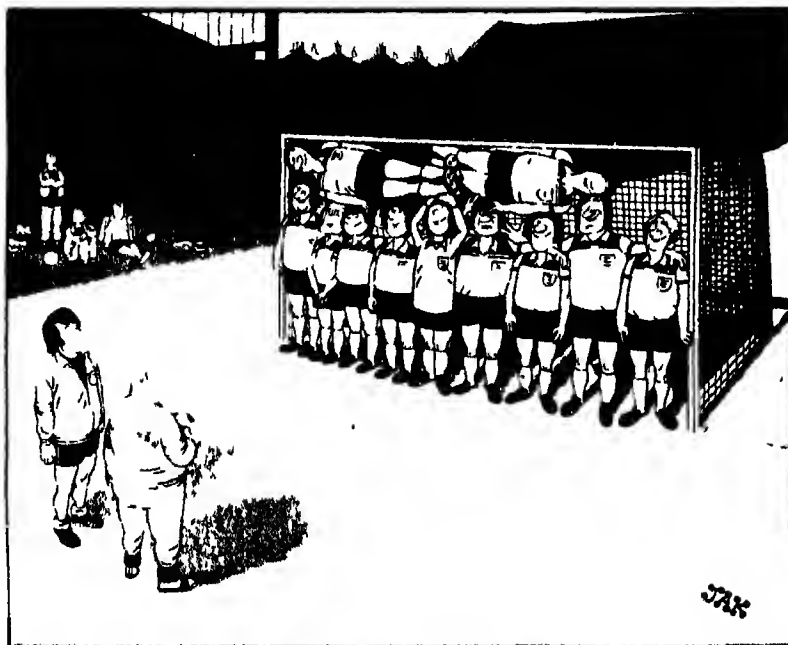
but in the end had to settle for a fate that has robbed the finals of their most glittering result.

Everything Brazil had done before this match suggested they were bound for a fourth World Cup triumph to add to their successes in 1958, 1962, 1970.

But the Italians, co-leader Rossi uncovered the reality of the vulnerable defence and made them pay in full.

Pele, the Brazilian star who made his name as a great 17-year-old in the 1958 final and also played brilliantly in the 1970 final, gave his view of the World Cup without Brazil.

"It is hard to believe Brazil are out," he said. "Brazil was the best team in the World Cup and it is difficult to accept they will not be in the final."



"I don't like the look of that gap, Ron!"



# CUP SOCCER... WORLD CUP SOCCER... WORLD CUP

A match by match report by  
**DAVID MILLER, STEVE  
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**June 28**

**Austria 0 France 1**

**D**OMINIC ROCHETEAU the long range George Best look-alike and close range play alike, teased and tormented Austria's defence

The dashing forward was never afraid to try his tricks in the fierce heat of the Vionto Calderon Stadium

And Rocheteau's reward was to play a major part in the goal that destroyed the uncertain Austrians

It was a cameo of such skills that forced a foul on Rocheteau and produced a demonstration of the free-kick art by Bernard Genghini

Goalkeeper Friedrich C. Koncilia badly misjudged the flight and pace of Genghini's curling shot from 20 yards and the ball flew past him

Austria were a disappointment once the threat of Walter Schachner, Herbert Prohaska and Hans Krankl evaporated

**Belgium 0 Poland 3**

**A**HAT TRICK by Zbigniew Boniek just about put paid to Belgium's World Cup hopes

The Poles, in superb form, knocked the fancied Belgians out of their stride and were soon in the lead

Boniek, who will play for Italian giant Juventus next season did not break stride as he smashed a brilliant left footer high into the net past the despairing arms of Custers from the edge of the box in only the third minute

The pace of the Polish attack left the Belgian defence which conceded only one goal in its three first round matches in shreds

And it was Boniek who made it 3-0 in the 27th minute with a delicate flick header

**June 29**

**England 0 West Germany 0**

**T**HE fireworks party between England and West Germany turned into a damp squib in Madrid

England went out prepared to sparkle against their old European enemy, but the Germans hardly wanted to know

And the goal that might have lit the fuse never came as the two heavy weights sparred with each other in a dull battle

The Germans packed their side with their big men, leaving on the sidelines until the second half their potential match winner

But at least England had the drive and will to push forward in the first-half and



*Salah Assad of Algeria celebrates his second goal against Chile as his side raced to a 3-2 victory*

only German goalkeeper Harold Schumacher prevented them from going in front

It was a game of cat and mouse for almost 20 minutes though Germany's tactics were inexplicable

It appeared so as they parked their midfield and defence, playing withdrawn, square football with a catch-us-if-you-can attitude

English defenders found themselves with no one to mark for most of the first 45 minutes as Germany turned their own half into a white shirted fortress

Then England came within a finger tip of an opening goal in the 19th minute

Kenny Sansom, exploiting space down the left clipped the ball in, Mariner headed on, and Bryan Robson charged in to head for the top right-hand corner

Somehow Schumacher, bending his back like an Olympic gymnast, got a hand to the ball to turn it over

English hearts almost missed a beat as Rummenigge smacked a shot against the bar just before the end

**Argentina 1 Italy 2**

**A**RGENTINA's dream of retaining the World Cup was almost certainly shattered as they crashed 2-1 to Italy in a hot tempered Group C match in the Sarria Stadium, Barcelona

Tardelli set up Italy's shock victory by scoring the opening goal in the 56th minute. He ran on to a pass from Giancarlo Antognoni, after Bruno Conti had opened up the Argentine defence, and struck a good left-foot shot past goalkeeper Ubaldo Fillol

In the 67th minute Italy landed the killer blow when Paolo Rossi broke clear

as defenders, appealed for offside. His shot was blocked by Fillol but the ball ran free and with the goalkeeper scrambling to get back on his line, Tardelli pulled it back for Antonio Cabrini to smash a shot into the roof of the net

Argentine captain Daniel Passarella gave his side new inspiration seven minutes from the end with a well-struck freekick from 25 yards that flew into the net as Zoff was still marshalling his defensive wall

**June 30 rest day**

**July 1**

**Russia 1 Belgium 0**

**R**USSIA, one of the favourites to reach the World Cup final, struggled to impress against Belgium.

They were outclassed by the Belgians, who had been humiliated by Poland earlier this week. Oganessian volleyed home a cross four minutes into the second half

The Russians made a cautious start although flying winger Oleg Blokhin showed his pace on a couple of occasions and after eight minutes almost set up the first goal from a free kick which Shengelia just failed to meet a few yards out.

Belgium, however, certainly looked a far better side than the one which crashed 3-0 to Poland.

And, like Shengelia at the other end, Coulomans just failed to connect with a good cross from Vandenberg with the Russian defence looking suspect.

Belgium almost took the lead after a blunder by Bai, only for Vercauteren to send his shot past the post.

## N. Ireland 2 Austria 2

**U**NBOWED the Irish green machine led by big Billy Hamilton, kept the dream of a World Cup semi-final place alive

But the final accolade must go to Burnley's Hamilton who with non stop Gerry Armstrong provided a lethal spearhead

Hamilton's first goal was poetry A sweeping, cross field pass by Dave McCreery then a burst past to defenders by Armstrong followed by a perfect cross was the prelude

Hamilton's 27th minute header was a just reward

But in the 5th minute Austria equalised A low drive from Ernst Baumeister flew into the crowded Irish area and was deflected into the net by Bruno Pezzey

Reinhold Hintermaier gave Austria a 2 1 lead in the 68th minute His free kick from 23 yards out flew past Jim Platt standing in for the injured Pat Jennings

Armstrong just had to be in on the 74th minute equaliser His shot had ruffled the Austrian defence and Jimmy Nicholl's perfectly judged lob saw the neatly cut fair head of Hamilton keep Ireland's hopes alive

## July 2

## Spain 1 W Germany 2

**G**ERMANY had shown that their football can be as forceful as it can be fragile and when they beat Spain 2 1

And they rained more shots on the Spanish goal in the opening 20 minutes than they managed in the entire 90 against England

The Santiago Bernabeu Stadium was packed to its 90 000 capacity and every one of them seemed to be waving the Spanish flag in an impressive display of patriotism

Five minutes from halftime winger Juanito twisted his leg after being tackled down the left flank and he failed to come out at the start of the second half being replaced by Ufarte

But there was a bigger blow for Germany in the second half Rummenigge failed to appear obviously feeling the hamstring strain which hampered him in the match against England Reinders taking his place

After 50 minutes however the Germans went ahead when Littbarski converted a bounce back from Spanish keeper Ascando's fumble of Dremmler's shot

Germany scored the second goal which then left England with three to get against Spain in the 75th minute when Fischer knocked in Littbarski's cross

But Zamara pulled one back after 81 minutes with a great header

## Brazil 3 Argentina 1

**I**T needed Diego Maradona's sending off four minutes from the end to remind us that the £3 million man was even on the field

The World Cup ended in ignominy and almost anonymity for the player that we had suggested was heir to Pele

The endless incident-taunting the erosion of the sinking champions pride eventually precipitated Passarella's desperate foul on Zico and Maradona's petulant retaliation

The passes from Zico and Socrates leading to the second and third goals caressed the grass as gently as sunlight

And what can you say about Eder's free kick for the opening goal after twelve minutes I cannot remember the ball being struck so venomously

The ball swerved to the right—then cut back to the left at the same time dipping over Fillol hitting the bar and then bouncing down for Zico to tap it in

Argentina might have turned the game in the first quarter of an hour in the second half but then Falcao drifted clear on the right and pitched over the perfect centre to the far post for Serginho

The best goal of the tournament yet involving five men ended with Junio sliding the ball past Fillol and it was then all over bar the retaliation and a late reply from Diaz

## July 3

## France 4 N. Ireland 1

**A**LAIN GIRESE and Dominique Rocheteau both scored twice as France defeated Northern Ireland 4 1 to become the first team to qualify for the semifinals of the football World Cup

The French who topped Group I of the second round by scoring two straight victories reached the semifinals of the world's biggest soccer tournament for the first time since 1958

The French who went into the match knowing they needed only a draw to qualify were the more positive team throughout

Jean Tigana and captain Michel Platini were outstanding Platini returning to action after being sidelined by a thigh injury set up the first goal in the 33rd minute passing back from byline for the diminutive Giresse to score from close range

Both Rocheteau's goals were superb solo efforts in the 47th minute he glided past a tackle before firing low past goalkeeper Pat Jennings at the near post

Twenty minutes later the mophaired forward shrugged off three challenges before again shooting low into the net

Giresse's second goal was an 80th minute header from a cross by Tigana

Gerry Armstrong scored a 75th minute consolation goal for N. Ireland

## THE SPORTING LIFE



A high school football star  
and his parents' moments  
after receiving a  
college scholarship offer

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# CUP SOCCER... WORLD CUP SOCCER... WORLD CUP

July 4

Poland 0 USSR 0

**P**OLAND qualified for the semifinals of the World Cup by holding the Soviet Union to a 0-0 draw in the second round.

The Soviets and Poland both had beaten Belgium but the Poles needed only a draw to advance on superior goal difference.

They will, however, be without star midfielder Zbigniew Boniek for the semifinal in Barcelona against Italy.

Boniek scored four goals in the tournament but was cautioned during the game and now faces a one game suspension. He also had been cautioned in an earlier match.

Poland won through to the semifinals for the second time. In 1974, the Poles finished third.

July 5

Italy 3 Brazil 2

**I**TALIAN centre forward Paolo Rossi ripped apart the World Cup football form book today with a brilliant burst of scoring that put favourites Brazil out of the tournament.

Rossi, who returned to action only last April after a two year suspension for his alleged involvement in a betting scandal, scored all three goals in Italy's nerve racking 3-2 win over the three time champions.

It was a result that sent the Italians through to a semifinal meeting with Poland in Barcelona's Nou Camp stadium and almost unthinkably sent the Brazilians home empty handed.

Rossi, with the invaluable assistance of a dithering Brazilian defence, ignored that script. He scored the goals in the fifth, 25th and 74th minutes.

Brazil's shooting also let them down and goals by Socrates and Falcao in the 12th and 68th minutes were all they had to show for a tapestry of dreamlike moves.

Italy's joy was shortlived. Seven minutes later the strutting Socrates worked a lightning exchange of passes with Zico and beat Dino Zoff at the near post from a narrow angle.

The following 13 minutes turned into a football circus as the Brazilian ball jugglers went through their entire repertoire of tricks.

It was not until the 68th minute that Brazil, who beat Italy in the 1970 final, regained the initiative with a second equalising goal. Falcao, who plays for Italian club Roma, meandered across the edge of the box and unleashed an explosive left footed shot past Zoff.

But the clowns were not to be denied top billing. Six minutes later the Brazilian defence made a terrible hash in trying to clear a corner and Rossi pounced to secure a famous Italian victory.

England 0 Spain 0

**E**NGLAND undefeated in five matches, dropped out of the World Cup soccer tournament with a 0-0 draw against already eliminated Spain.

The result of the group B second round match put West Germany into a semifinal slot against France.

England, who needed to win by either two goals or by a one goal margin of 3-2 or higher to advance, gambled by throwing nearly every player forward in a desperate attempt to score during the final ten minutes.

Even captain Kevin Keegan, recently

recovered from a serious back injury, was sent in to bolster England's sagging offensive line midway through the second half.

The Spanish treated the draw as a victory. The nearly full 90,000 seat Santiago Bernabeu stadium, bathed in yellow and red Spanish flags, was overwhelmingly pro Spain, and the host nation supporters cheered their countrymen on at every opportunity.

England manager Ron Greenwood threw on Keegan and Trevor Brooking during the second half, but even this experienced duo could not turn the tide.

## WORLD CUP HIGHLIGHTS

**F**OLLOWING are the standings of World Cup after the quarter final rounds.

Group A						
	P	W	D	L	FA	Pts
1					11	
2		1	1	1	1	
3						
Group B						
West					1	
Spain				1	1	
Italy					1	
Group C						
Italy						
Brazil				1	4	
Argentina					1	
Group D						
Italy					1	
Austria				1	1	
Netherlands					1	

**I**TALY's capital exploded in delirium minutes after the national team knocked out favourites Brazil 3-2 to qualify for the World Cup semi final.

Carloads of flag waving football fans, horns blaring wildly, careered through the streets, people tore off their shirts to jump into fountains and shopkeepers waved flags in joy.

**O**NE hundred million Brazilians were plunged into gloom as the 3-2 defeat of the national team in Barcelona shattered their World Cup hopes.

The fireworks, ticker tapes and street samba parties which greeted the previous Brazilian victories were replaced by a heavy quiet and long faces.

Most of Brazil stopped work during the game and as disconsolate fans drifted back to their jobs as the post mortem began.

Many Brazilians prepared to keep their grief at home and did not turn up to work in the afternoon.

In the business centre of Rio De Janeiro it was like a Sunday afternoon.

**D**IEGO MARADONA, the diminutive Argentine with the 10 million dollar price tag, was the big draw appointment of the World Cup—and he knows it.

All went wrong. I did everything wrong, the 21 year old star said. I have no excuse. The more I think of it, the more I understand it was just not my time.

I was hoping to introduct myself to my new land. I know how to talk directly with them on a positive note, not like yesterday, he said.

Maradona, who has been transferred from Boca Juniors to Barcelona for a record fee of 10 million dollars, was sent off the field at San Siro Stadium Friday after battling Brazil midfielder Ruy.

After the game, Maradona's exit was accompanied by loud cries and whistles.

I deserve it, Maradona commented. My nerves just cracked and I knew I had to be careful.

**P**ERUVIAN witchdoctor Santos Paredes, disgusted because his prediction that Peru would qualify for the second round of the World Cup soccer did not come true, has shaven his head completely in public, according to the press in Lima.

A barber took 15 minutes to clip the Peruvian's thick black hair, watched by hundreds of bystanders and under the glare of local television cameras.

Santos, known locally as the great white witchdoctor, did however correctly predict that Belgium would beat Argentina in the opening match of the tournament.

**W**HEN forward Safko Susic left Yugoslavia for the World Cup three weeks ago, he was sent off as a national hero.

But when the Yugoslavs were eliminated from the world's biggest soccer tournament, angry fans in his home town destroyed his car.

**C**ARLOS CASZELY, who missed a penalty in Chile's opening first round match against Austria and played below expectations throughout, was worried by reports from Chile that his family had been threatened.

# Of fixed matches and hooliganism

**A**FTER Howrah Union had caused the first upset of the season by holding Mohammedan Sporting to a 1-1 draw on June 17, the turn came for two more teams, Railway Football Club and Aikya Sammilani, to hit the headlines by snatching a point each off Mohun Bagan and East Bengal respectively.

With due credit to the young Railway F.C. and Aikya boys, it must however be said that their job was made easier by the two giants who, with their insipid shows, displeased everybody and in the end bore the wrath of their own supporters.

In the Mohun Bagan—Railway F.C. match, for instance, the popular team looked jaded from the very beginning and with their star winger, Surajit Sengupta, being totally off colour, they could not produce even a single good looking move throughout the proceedings. And as time ticked by, the apprehension of the supporters that Mohun Bagan might drop a point became a distinct reality.

The lackadaisical approach of the glamour side almost made them pay more heavily than they actually did when just a minute from time Ranjit Chatterjee, the Railways left winger, cut through between the two stoppers, Satyajit Ghosh and Samiran Saha, and released a fine shot that beat Shibaji Banerjee and crashed against the bar. A very close call indeed.

## Muffed

Despite everything, however, Mohun Bagan had their chances both before and after the breather but these were muffed up by Shyam Thapa, Denis Williamson and Krishanu Dey made only halfhearted attempts but the main culprit was certainly Subrata Bhattacharya who, with years of experience behind him, could not keep his cool when it was most needed and blasted a spot kick over the bar.

The awsid came in the 19th minute of the game when Alok Mazumdar appeared to handle the ball and if converted the complexion of the match might have changed altogether.

Besides the chance they got in the 69th minute, Railway F.C. looked dangerous on a couple of times but so far as conversions were concerned, their boys were as naive as their senior counterparts. Incidentally, this is the third year in succession that the Railway team have taken a point off Mohun Bagan.

In their next encounter against Calcutta Customs, Mohun Bagan gave a slightly better show but even this was a far cry from their true form and naturally

their supporters had little to enthuse about the display.

Subrata again missed a penalty on this day but luckily for him, it did not prove costly as he managed to hit the goalkeeper's rebound into the back of the net. This was how Mohun Bagan got the breakthrough in the 16th minute.

The second goal which came midway in the second half should have been disallowed as Surjit Sengupta, the scorer, was clearly in an offside position when he took the ball from Shyam Thapa. Two goals were enough though for Mohun Bagan boys and they did not make any concerted bid to turn the rally.

The young Customs players, in spite of conceding the two goals, played well and posed danger on a number of occasions.

East Bengal, hoping of mounting their one point lead over Mohun Bagan, upto July 10, when they will encounter another, were hindered as they like their arch rivals were forced to go down

draw by yet another small team, Aikya Sammilani, on the following day.

One, however, observed a difference between the two matches in that while Mohun Bagan simply failed to open the Railway goalmouth, East Bengal quite often penetrated deep into the Aikya territory. The forwards, however, failed their own good efforts for lack of marksmanship.

Aikya who played a full 90 minutes, broke through on a number of occasions but these were nothing in comparison to the onslaught of the formidable rivals who, if they had accepted the chances that came their way, could have won by a comfortable margin.

Looking at the Aikya team which has been trying well to put up a fight and save a point in a number of occasions, it was everything gained lost.

East Bengal, too, had a number of chances but failed to make the most of them.



Police pick up stones and broken glasses from the ground during the half-time in the match between Mohun Bagan and Railway F.C.

## Calcutta Soccer

shrugged off all their lethargic attitude and gave a good show to win by four goals to nil and on the run of play they indeed deserved more

As he so often does, Biswajit Bose the left fullback raced upfield and lobbed the ball for Kartick Sett who centred for Tapan Das to come from behind and head in style. This was in the 11th minute and despite their complete dominance East Bengal had to wait for another ten minutes for the next goal to be scored by Mihir Bose off an Arup Das pass.

The third goal was a suicidal one as Tapan Das' header was diverted into his own net by Sonali stopper Dipak Dasgupta. This came in the 66th minute and just a few seconds from close, Kartick Sett went through and looked all set to score when goalkeeper Animesh Chakraborty tripped him inside the box. Arup made no mistake in converting the spot kick.

When Mohammedan Sporting met Bhratri Sangha in the first of the two matches, they had played during the week under review, and gave more than ample evidence that they were still to recover from their shock 1-1 draw with Howrah Union and the subsequent 1-0 defeat against East Bengal.

So lopsided was their performance on this day that they could easily have been held to yet another draw had not their stopper and captain Mohidul Islam come to their rescue with a fine header just five minutes from time.

Off a freekick, Majeed Bashkar lobbed the ball into the box where an advancing



*Surajit Sengupta...the Mohun Bagan striker was not in his best form*

Mohidul won a heading duel and beat Tapan Das hands down. Inspired by this goal Mohammedan pressed hard, but substitute Nirmal Chatterjee's header just went over.

If the second half of the game belonged more to the home team, the

reverse was the case in the first session when Bhratri Sangha did everything but score on a number of occasions. Of course Nasir Ahmed under the Mohammedan bar was a hard nut to crack.

It was expected that Mohammedan Sporting would get a chance to come into their own against Calcutta Gymkhana, a very lowly placed side indeed. But the capacity crowd was in for another shock when they found their team heading straight for another draw.

Majid Bashkar and Jamshed Nassiri played poorly on this day but still they had their chances in the second half but rank bad finish marred the same. Then just two minutes from time, Majid took a free kick and substitute Uttam Chakraborty's header came from underside of the bar hence it was pushed in by Utpal Sur, the Gymkhana deep defender.

One wondered whether Mohammedan would have got the goal if the officials of the two clubs, in full view of everybody did not jointly contrive it.

Contrived matches however is only one aspect of Calcutta football, the other being hooliganism glimpses of which were revealed once more by the supporters of the big three when their teams had drawn against Howrah Union, Railway F.C. and Aikya Sammilani. The lesson of August 16th 1980 seems to be forgotten.



*The riot police guard the Railway F.C. players during half time.*

*Pics: Santosh Ghosh*

**DEBABRATA CHOWDHURY**



## Good showing by Mohun Bagan

**D**ESPITE playing without their best forward Surajit Sengupta Mohun Bagan gave a good show against Kalighat and romped home winners by three goals to nil.

After a long lay off through injury Gautam Sarkar took the field for the first time in the season on this day and in spite of not being at his best he more than demonstrated his utility to the team. So did Dilip Palit in the left wing back position.

Mohun Bagan went into the attack from the very beginning and lost three good chances to forge ahead within the first ten minutes through Shyam Thapa, Krishanu Dey and Amitava Mukherjee.

It was Mukherjee, however, who finally gave his team the lead in the 20th minute off a through pass from Krishnendu Roy.

The goal, however, did not demoralise the Kalighat boys who kept pounding the citadel of their mighty rivals after the interval and it was quite a long time before Mohun Bagan began dictating the terms once more and eventually got their second and final goal in the span of a minute.

Krishanu pulled the ball back into the box but Surajit Ghosh, the Kalighat left stopper, in his effort to make a clearance

succeeded only in putting the ball into his own net.

It was in the 30th minute and just as the rain-drenched spectators were hurrying towards the exits Gautam Sarkar centred for Krishanu to nod home.

Due to bad light the match, barring the first thirteen minutes, was played under floodlight.

In their previous match Mohun Bagan looked like dropping a point when a Shyam Thapa goal with four minutes from time brought relief to the thousands of supporters who had earlier showed their displeasure by throwing missiles into the ground.

It was not that Calcutta Gymkhana played well on this day but the fact was Mohun Bagan, after missing a couple of sitters early in the game, got demoralised and whatever they wanted to do thereafter did not simply go their way.

Surajit Sengupta, off whose centre Thapa headed home the winner almost created a scene after the final whistle when he took off his jersey and went to shake hands with the referee Ajay Lahiri.

Perhaps this had something to do with some of the decisions that went against Mohun Bagan and Surajit in particular. However, timely intervention

of the police and some of the former players prevented any further incident.

Mohun Bagan's performance in an earlier match against Kidderpore was no better and it was no wonder that they had to remain content with a solitary goal win.

The only goal came in the 20th minute of play with Krishanu Dey banging in a cross from Krishnendu Roy. The objective of getting the two points fulfilled Mohun Bagan began playing a scrappy game and only on a couple of occasions they could revert from this trend but these were simply not enough to cause trouble to the gallant Kidderpore defence.

The deep defence of East Bengal, however, played well but it was the wing halves and the forwards who could not take the initiatives and these two departments are in a very poor shape indeed.

The scorer for East Bengal was stopper back Pulak Biswas who headed in a cross from Arup Das. Besides this East Bengal got a few more chances but so did Police and it would not have been surprising if they had neutralised the lead.

Before the match against East Bengal Mohammedan Sporting were to meet Sporting Union on their home ground but the tie was postponed due to non-availability of police personnel.

**DEBABRATA CHOWDHURY**

## Stress and strain of whistlers

**I**T is generally acknowledged by the whistling fraternity that the super-vision of international matches puts quite a strain on the official and the stress he is subjected to particularly when the matches are close and tough is considerable. If this is so when amateur teams meet, it is more so when professional sides clash.

As such, the handling of the matches between professionals Hallelujah (Karrang) and Malaysia by Len D'Sa, one of India's leading referees, came in for favourable comment. Len D'Sa's firm and I stand for no nonsense attitude went a long way in keeping the game under control and this is borne out by the fact that not once was a yellow card, let alone a red one, displayed.

The Korea Herald, one of South Korea's leading papers, referred to the match as the best in the President Cup football tournament and needless to say Len D'Sa, with his capable supervision, contributed in no small measure to the match earning the label of the best.

That Len D'Sa was rated high among the sixteen FIFA referees invited to officiate at this annual competition can be gauged from the fact that he was also

asked to referee the losing semi-finalists match between Netherlands P.V. Phillips and Hallelujah, a Korean professional team.

This was also a tough assignment and that he went through it without putting out even a yellow card was further proof of his sound supervision.

Len D'Sa was linesman on four occasions, with his first game being that

between Oparario Club de Brazil and P.V. Phillips, two of the four professional teams competing with eight national sides. He was also a stand-by referee for the two other games.

Len D'Sa, who along with the other 15 FIFA officials had to come through a physical fitness test, had his first experience of international refereeing when supervising the 1980 Asia Youth qualifying rounds in Dacca. He also officiated at two class A games in the inaugural Nehru Gold Cup at Calcutta early this year.

**SW Correspondent**



*Len D'Sa of Bombay, his firm attitude went a long way in keeping the game under control.*

## Lack of foresight perceived

**L**ACK of planning and foresight may once again be perceived in the composition of the Indian team for a month's training and tournament play in North Korea and thereafter to competitions in Japan and Seoul.

There are two ways in which the Table Tennis Federation of India could have gone about the selection. One would have been to pick a team of full strength as the trip would greatly help in preparing the players for the Asian Games in November. In fact, this would have been the best course with the Asiad just four months away.

The other would have been to send the most talented youngsters with the future in view.

The most notable omission from the side is Manjit Dua. The seasoned campaigner has been a permanent fixture in the team for a long time. In fact, the TTFI has been insisting on his inclusion irrespective of performance and advancing age on the ground that special permission had been secured for him from the Government since he is over the stipulated age-limit of 25.

And to recall that one of the key differences of opinion which led to Farrokh Khodaiji's resignation from the

selection committee last year was over Dua's inclusion for a friendship tournament in North Korea!

Whatever the position, the question that naturally arises is whether or not Dua will be a member of the team for the Asiad. If the past is any indication, it is unthinkable that he will be left out. In which case he ought to be logically training in North Korea and not playing in some inconsequential tournaments against nondescript opposition at home as he is most likely to do.

With Manjit and Manmeet out, there are at most two regulars in the squad that have been sent to North Korea, V Chandrasekhar and Kamlesh Mehta. At the last Asian, it may be recalled, Manjit, Manmeet and Chandra played most of the matches and this has been our trio for some two years now.

S Sriram has been recalled after being left out in the cold since the World Championships where he was not played at all. And he has been included largely on the strength of his good showing in the Northern India Regional Championships on the eve of the selections.

Rajat Kathuria is another to be recalled. Frankly, he has failed to live up to the expectations he aroused when he

reached the final at the Bangalore Nationals in January, 1981.

The lack of a consistent approach may be best perceived in the case of V. Chandramowli. A member of the team for the Asian and the most promising among the younger lot, he was named a reserve and made the trip only because Manmeet withdrew.

The five-member women's squad also has only two regulars, Indu Puri and Snigdha Mehta.

Sharalaja Salokhe, who forced her way back into the team for the Asian, reportedly sprained her arm during the North Zone and conceded her second stage league matches for the quarter-finalists. Her omission is thus understandable.

Not so the persistence with Monalisa Barua, who had little to show for all her trips and who finished a poor seventh in the North Zone championships. Like Manjit among men, Monalisa seems to hold a special place in the women's team.

Equally surprising is the inclusion of Rita Jain. Named a reserve, she made the trip because the Railways offered to meet her costs. "In which case, we would have paid for Nandini Kulkarni", bemoaned a Maharashtra official.

Lakshmi Karanth finally gets her due and it is to be hoped that she will be persevered with after the trip.

Alas, we appear to have missed the bus.

**TOP SPINNER**

## A new champ is crowned

**N**IRAJ OAK with flowing backhand was crowned the new champion in the junior boy's section of the INTAB Cup tournament. Unseeded and not all too impressive in the initial stages Niraj improved with each outing to beat second seeded Satbir Singh of Delhi in the final. The fact that he beat Satbir in straight games and in just 13 minutes speaks much of the difference in class. The final scores were 2-14 21-13.

The final verdict was not altogether unexpected. Niraj had beaten sixth seeded Veneeth of Tamil Nadu and then when he put his stamp on the match with R K Ramesh he was, really, in the running. Ramesh was the player who had raised hopes first of himself as new champion and later of Niraj. Ramesh defeated top seeded Arunijyoti Barua of Assam to start his campaign and later almost made sure of a place in the final when he beat Nayan Thakkar of Maharashtra.

Niraj, however, put paid to any hopes Ramesh had of making the final. He beat Ramesh in the morning and later in the crucial match against Barua he was far too good. He won in straight games and entered the final. Had Barua beaten Oak the finalist from this group would



**Niraj Oak....improved with each outing**

have been Ramesh notwithstanding his defeat at the hands of Oak.

The other group went according to expectations with the leader Satbir mowing his opposition without much trouble. Jayant Thate took a game off him, but that was a bit of a scare only. Thus on form and reputation the odds favoured Satbir, but the Gujarat lad had the last word.

The junior girl's singles title was claimed by the lanky Karnataka star Vaishali Deshpandhu. She beat Saloni Mahajan in two games with scores at 20-19, 21-13. Saloni had created a series of upsets in the Northern India at Ajmer and was thus given higher rating in the final, but against the defensive Vaishali she could do nothing.

The sub-junior boy's and girl's singles kept to the seedings with top seeded Ganesh Kundu beating Tridip Durwaha in three in the boy's final and Shilpa Takelkar thrashing Jyoti Mehta in the girl's final.

The Delhi Table Tennis Association introduced a new trophy, in the name of the late Parthiv Vyas. The trophy was given to the best loser, Vesant Bharadwaj of Karnataka. Parthiv Vyas's death came as a big blow to the followers of table tennis in Delhi. This young boy had learnt the game in the capital and was very popular with both players and spectators.

**SW Correspondent**

# An encouraging, but misguided move

**T**HOUGH it sounds good on paper, the Kerala government's proposal to give big cash awards to medal winners from the State at the forthcoming Asiad raises a number of issues.

First and foremost, an award of Rs. one lakh to a gold medallist or even Rs 25,000 to those who get a bronze, blatantly violates the amateur code.

So what, a champion of the sportsmen's financial cause like Michael Ferreira might ask, and ways may be found to circumvent the code as the Indian Hockey Federation did by giving the money to members of the players' families when India won the World Cup.

All the same, a code is meant to be observed, at least by the government.

Secondly, it is hardly fair to single out players from a particular State for monetary awards. At the Asiad, an athlete is not a representative of Kerala or Assam but of India. The feeling of those left out can be easily imagined.

If the Kerala government wanted to offer an incentive for a good showing, it ought to be for all those wearing the national colours.

The award will be even more unjustified in the case of team events where success is achieved through combined effort. Even where one or two individuals are outstanding and play the star roles, the credit and the spoils ought to go to the entire team.

Hence it is that the "Man of the Match" and other awards are shared by cricketers.

And what about those who hail from Kerala, but have migrated to other states? Should they not be considered?

After all they must be having roots in their native soil. A Nair or a Menon is the same anywhere.

Clearly, the Kerala government has been misguided in its enthusiasm to encourage sportsmen.

While it is heartening to note its interest in sports, the Kerala government ought to realise that its primary responsibility should be for the common good.

Of late, a number of State governments have come forward with various awards. It is one thing for a State to confer an award which is an honour bestowed on the sportsman, and offer scholarships to the promising young, but quite another to hand out large sums to winners of medals and matches, including Tests.

Instead of frittering away precious resources on a select few, States should concern themselves with such

measures as providing facilities and equipment and organising coaching.

It is beyond the means of State associations and national federations to look after the needs of sportsmen at all levels. This role can be performed only by the State.

Indeed, the country's overall standards can show a significant improvement only when more and more budding youngsters get the chance to play.

The percentage of our population interested in and actively pursuing sport remains negligible and even these do not have adequate facilities. It is in this area that State help is most needed.

China has set a fine example in this regard. Millions are actively engaged in sport there, thanks to the excellent facilities and encouragement provided by the State. Thus it is that they produce high class performers in large numbers and with staggering speed and regularity.

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**D**OORDARSHAN deserves to be roundly criticised for its big let-down on Wimbledon.

After repeatedly announcing that they would not be able to provide a live telecast of the men's final, they first provided an unexpected surprise and then a severe shock.

While the interruption of the Sunday movie in Bombay to show the men's final was most welcome, the stoppage of the telecast midway through the third set came as a big disappointment.

## Quotes

"She (Billie Jean King) seems to think about tennis 23 hours every day. She loves the game. That's why she can go on playing for so long. Most people would have stopped a long ago".

—Tracy Austin  
after she was beaten by Billie Jean

"All the international goals I have scored seem to have great significance. All you can do is hope it continues. I don't need action replays to remind me of the goals. They are burnt deep into my mind".

—N. Ireland's goalgetter  
Gerry Armstrong

"I can understand players not liking the rain, but personally I love it. It wouldn't bother me if the tournament (Wimbledon) had to go into the third week".

—Andrea Jaeger.  
"When we meet, neither one will roll over and play dead. I was just playing it

The sad part was that many missed even what little was shown since they were under the impression that a movie was being telecast.

This writer, for instance, heard about it late and could only watch a single point.

Doordarshan are perhaps unaware that several enthusiasts had travelled from mofussil areas to the cities just to watch the final live. Quite a few had journeyed all the way from Nagpur to Bombay.

The coverage of the Tests in England has also been just as unpredictable and erratic.

The first day's play of the second Test was not followed up regularly on the subsequent days and about a week later the fourth day's play was shown.

Much the same has been the case with World Cup soccer.

On the one hand, Doordarshan is doing a great service to sport through coverage of international meets. The exposure and boost that sport gets as a result cannot, but have a tremendous impact on the youth. In particular, sportsmen and enthusiasts at home get to see the latest techniques and skills.

On the other, Doordarshan is spoiling all the good work by not informing the public in advance and by not keeping its word.

At this rate one shudders to think of what lies in store for the Asiad.

It will come as no surprise if a key match is interrupted thrice for the same news in three different languages.

like a match, not thinking of it as a final. Mac fought very hard, but then he's always going to fight to death".

—Jimmy Connors  
after winning the Wimbledon title

"Playing like this, we will win the World Cup. Brazil played with calm and better physical preparation than holders Argentina".

—Pelé

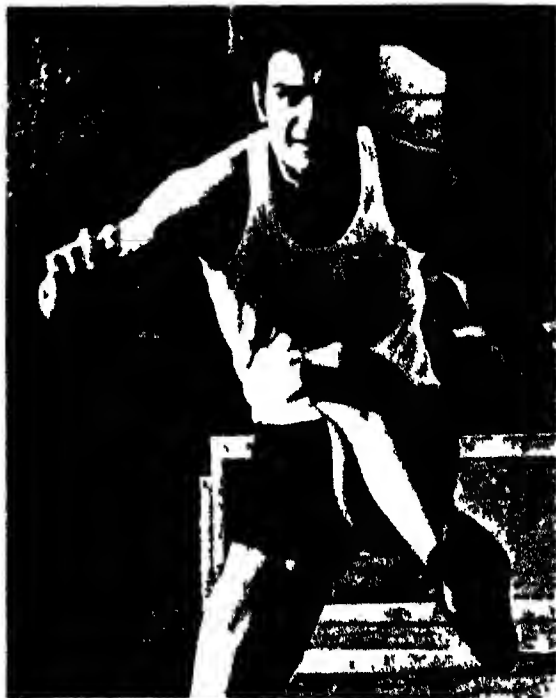
"I love to be on the top again. It gives a heady feeling and I love it".

—Martina Navratilova.

"I am no star. I am no leader of men and I do not like being considered as such. I am only just another soccer player—a very happy one."

—Poland's soccer star  
Zbigniew Boniek who scored  
3 goals against Belgium.

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## Wedding bells for Vilas?

The next day he was at a tennis tournament in

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Switzerland and the Prince was there too Will they wed?  
Friends say Yes An announcement will be made shortly

But a spoke man at the palace in Monaco said "No comment."

## Hunte takes a wife

Hurte, a native of Bridgetown Barbados, has been in the United States for one year now in connection with the international programme of Moral Re-Armament.

Hunte is also a member of the Institute of Journalists in Britain and has been writing for papers in the West Indies.



Patricia and Conrad Huntle

## Pages from the Past

# He rose from the waves to swing from the trees

It was on the screen as the best known of the Hollywood Tarzans that Johnny Weissmuller was famous in the 1930s. But his early fame came in the swimming pool.

He was voted the greatest swimmer of the half century by 250 sports writers in 1950. He won five Olympic gold medals—three in 1924 for 100, 400 and 4 x 200 metres freestyle relay, and two in 1928 for the sprint and the relay.

He won 52 US titles, had 28 world records ratified and was the first man to break the one minute barrier in the 100 metres (59.6 sec. in 1922) and the first to beat five minutes for the 440 yards freestyle (4 min. 57.0 sec. in 1923).

His world record of 51.0 sec. for 100 yard freestyle lasted for 17 years.

Weissmuller had taken up swimming to give himself strength and stamina as a child when he was fragile and suffering from what doctors feared as a heart ailment.

He grew to a muscular 6 ft. 3 in. and developed a new crawl technique under the guidance of his coach Bill Bachrach at the Athletic Club. His high riding front crawl stroke was revolutionary at the time.

He began his Olympic career in Paris 1924, breaking the 60 second barrier

(59.0 sec.) in the 100 metres freestyle to beat defending champion Duke Kahanamoku by the enormous margin of 0.4 sec. Sweden's Arne Borg tried hard to stay with him in the 400 metres freestyle but Weissmuller kicked away in the final length to win in 5 min. 04.2 sec. Third was Australian Andrew Boy Charlton, who at 16 was a match for most of the men.

Charlton showed his full power in the 1500 metres final, winning in a world record of 20 min. 06.6 sec. with the previous record holder Arne Borg more than half a minute back in second place.

Weissmuller's third gold medal came in the 4 x 200 metres freestyle relay which he anchored.

Four years later at Amsterdam Weissmuller retained his 100 metres title (58.6 sec.)—a new Olympic record—and gained a fifth gold medal once again anchoring the 4 x 200 metres American relay quartet.

In both the Games, the relay team had also established a new Games record. Thus all his five sorties were record breaking efforts. What a performance by this young American who was born in 1904!

There was a record gold medal in swimming until Donald Schollander

(1964 Tokyo) and Mark Spitz (1972-Munich) came along.

Weissmuller had just about run out of records to beat after the Amsterdam Games and toured the world as a professional, receiving what was then a lucrative contract of \$500 a week to sponsor swimwear.

His film career began in 1932 with Tarzan the Ape Man and he became the screen's first talking Tarzan. In those days crowds flocked the theaters to see Weissmuller in action, and not Bo Derek as at present.

He led a full life off the screen and out of the water and married five times. He still has a lot of support from swimming experts who consider him the greatest swimmer of all time.

Weissmuller's versatility was revealed when he collected a bronze medal at Paris for being a member of the American water polo team.

Though he turned a professional, Weissmuller kept himself in trim condition, and at age of 36 he trimmed his personal best for 100 yards down to 48.5 sec.

Swimming is still his first love, and he is a regular visitor at the Olympic Games giving his now famous Tarzan's call.

Another member of that 1924 USA swimming team who went on to greater fame was Gertrude Ederle who collected bronze medals in the 100 metres and 400 metres freestyle events. She was clearly suited to distance swimming as she proved on August 6, 1926 when she became the first woman to swim across the English Channel.

## HOSEY MISTRY

## From Ace to Deuce

# Women are quick studies

WOMEN tennis players who have fought for years for equal prize money and exposure, seen it being parlayed by the men in another major temper tantrum. Either the long hot summer or the women are beginning to feel the pressures of big time tennis.

First there were griping about the findings both at Wimbledon and US Open last year. Then two players sued Volvo Women's Cup and the Women's Tennis Association, claiming they were improperly refused wild card entry into the Volvo tournament.

But the topper came at last year's Canadian Open where there were obscene gestures, a walkout in the middle of a match, tears and a verbal assault on Tracy Austin by Pam Shriver following their semi-final encounter. "I used a few choice words which I'm not proud of but I will apologise," said Shriver.

Guess the women are quick studies.

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JUST so that things don't get boring in the women's circuit, what with some

players collecting major titles in pairs and trios all the time, the people at International Playtex are offering a cool one million dollars to any woman player who wins four tournaments on four different surfaces in the same year.

The Playtex Challenge, as it is called, starts with the US Women's Indoor (Championships carpet) and moves on to the Family Circle Cup for a clay test, to Wimbledon for grass, and ends on the hard courts of the US Open. Three wins and the player walks away with 500,000 dollars.

If any of this has a familiar ring, it's because it's an updated version of two 1974 challenges. English Leather offered 100,000 dollars to the first man to sweep the Grand Slam, and Vaseline Intensive Care Lotion one upped them with a 125,000 dollars prize for any woman who slammed.

It was a fortune then, but today it's pocket money.

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LIFE on the international tennis circuit is not as glamorous as many of

those who work nine to five for a living might think.

Once a player wanted to see if he could get a job during the day while he was at a tournament. He went to the hotel management and applied for a job painting the hotel, and got it. Well, he worked all day and then quit in the middle of the afternoon so he could get to the stadium and play his match.

Another guy went to the airport and got on the first departing flight he could find after he had lost a tough match. He didn't care where it was going. He just wanted to get his mind off tennis.

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FOR years British tennis players and officials have moaned that the nation's lack of playing facilities—especially indoor facilities—has been responsible for its failure to produce more world-class players. Now some efforts are underway to overcome the problem.

For example, David Lloyd, a British Davis Cup veteran and Chris Evert Lloyd's brother-in-law, has spent the last four years and most of his money developing a new tennis centre outside of London.

The David Lloyd Siazenger Racquet Club is scheduled to open this year and will feature 12 outdoor and nine indoor tennis courts. Two more tennis centres are due to open their doors shortly afterward.

## STOP VOLLEY





## Track Lightning best

Track Lightning the second favourite was easy to back at five. What a revelation there was on the track.

After Abide and Thundering Gold had set a fast pace Almanac took over early in the straight. At the stage Track Lightning came along with a surge of power went clear and was moving so very well that there was no chance of him being caught eventually the property of Mr. and Mrs. S. Khatau (Khatau and K. Khatau) won by two and a half lengths from Blue Ice who got up in time to peg back Almanac by a neck in the smart time of two minutes nineteen one-fifth seconds. Sun Lion was fourth seven lengths further away those showing Track Lightning can take the 2,400 metre Governor's Cup on July 25 is a stipulation that the topweight will not be more than 63 kilos. Abide accepted by one and all as the best filly in the land in poorly and eventually finished sixth behind Miss Regency. On the other hand Blue Ice showed further improvement as she was carrying just 15 kilos less than Abide. To say that Almanac the son of Common Law (Clocked) who had won his last seven races after his Bangalore Derby debacle was a disappointment is an understatement. However it should be borne in mind that he was being asked to carry weight over a distance race for the first time. Also this was the first time that he was being pitted against a great horse like Track Lightning. The fact is that it is easy to be wise after the event.

This was R.H. Byramji's 11th Mahatma Cup which he first won with Noble Princess in 1973. It was Parth's second as he rode Royal Lion to victory two years ago and it was the first win

for the Khatau's who can make this meeting their own as they have already won two rich races with Camino who is the ante-post favourite for the Bangalore Derby.

Byramji won five of the 17 races decided over the weekend. But such is the power of his stable that he lost an equal number with odds on favourites. They were Calligraphy who proved to be a dismal flop in the Ashwapiya Cup on Saturday and Almanac Aspire Truth and Aztec on Sunday. Of course the failure of seemingly outstanding animals is all a part of the game but the mind boggles that the fact that Truth even allowing for the interference it met with midway in the race and Aztec finished dead last way behind the other runners in their respective races. It is understood that an inquiry is being conducted into their runs and this is as it should be.

### Erring officials

That the Bangalore authorities are dealing more firmly with what they consider to be erring officials now was further emphasised when trainer A.B. David was given a whopping fine of 10,000 Rs because of the disparity in the performances of Sham Shamrock a five year old by Roy. Son Honeydew ran down the field on June 27 and won the bit on July 3 lagging behind him on tight rein throughout. Whether the fine is substantial though it is adequate punishment is debatable. To a professional a fine is a more severe punishment than a suspension as he would normally earn less over the period of his suspension if there were no ban on him than the amount of his fine. But in the case of a professional of David's stature a suspension is a more telling punishment for apart from the loss of income it carries a greater stigma.

Be that as it may it is evident that Shamrock can win again in the higher class.

The others to persist with are Cannon and Tiffany.

The small time politicians are at it again and their target of attack this time is the Calcutta racecourse where the monsoon meeting will have got under way before these lines appear in print. They want the racecourse to be shifted to some obscure corner of the city. What they do not understand is how many years it will take to build a new racecourse? How much money will be required? How much money will go down the drain by demolishing the present structures and how much will be lost by way of history and tradition. Tradition continues to hold sway in Mysore where the popular F.K. Irani has been elected chairman and chief steward for a record thirteenth year in a row.

**L**AST YEAR when Own Opinion was selected by the five Turf Authorities of India to represent India in the Japan Cup in Tokyo there were many of the view that a wrong choice had been made as the four year old Track Lightning was considered to be better than the six year old by them. This year there will not be the slightest murmur of dissent over the nomination of Track Lightning because the five year old son of Grey Gaston Traxana proved beyond any doubt that he is the best horse in the country by carrying 65 kgs to a truly magnificent victory over four year old champion Almanac who was shouldered with 705 kgs less in the 2,200 metre Maharaja's Cup in Bangalore.

This was Track Lightning's first appearance since he brilliantly won the RWTC Invitational Cup in Bombay on March 21 while Almanac had in his previous run a fortnight earlier carried 68.5 kgs to a convincing victory and Blue Ice who was placed 10 kgs below Track Lightning had won from both tier starts this season. Again the heaviest in this gruelling test of speed and stamina was 2 kilos which Royal Tern shouldered two years ago.

Viewed against the background Track Lightning's triumph was considered to inferior to that of his stable companion Almanac and it came as no surprise that Almanac was an odds on choice in the field of eight which

## Stamps



**T**O commemorate USA baseball Jackie Robinson the United States Postal Service will issue a special stamp in his honour at the Baseball Hall of Fame prior to the annual Hall of Fame Baseball Games Games at Doubleday Field on August 2, 1982.

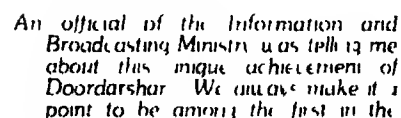
Jackie Robinson had broken colour barrier in 47 and had won an exciting and electrifying baserunner with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Jackie was born in 1919 in Cairo Georgia. Studying at the University of California he earned fame and honours in different sports like football athletics basketball and baseball.

In 49 he was adjudged as the National League's most valuable baseball player with a 10 year batting average of 0.311. Jackie retired from baseball in '56 and breathed his last in 1972.

The stamp is off horizontal format and is valued at 20 cents and is designed by Jerry Pinkney of New York.

JAGDISH BINIWALE



Shame I said. No wonder their TV audiences are not as educated as ours.

"The matter is very much regretted," the official said. "The ministry would have liked to show the recordings of the finals two Sundays after the event. But somebody somewhere slipped and put in the live relay. You may assure your readers that the government is instituting an inquiry into this."



—Piyush Vora (Calcutta 20)  
K S Bhaskar (Jabalpur)

**A**FTER conceding a lead of 182 runs India won by 59 runs by skittling Australia out for 83. The second-innings score board J Dyson c Kirmani b Ghavri 3 G Wood st Kirmani b Doshi 10 G S Chappell b Ghavri 0 K J Hughes b Doshi 16 A R Border c Kirmani b Kapil Dev 9 K D Walters not out 18 R Marsh b Kapil Dev 3 B Yardley b Kapil Dev 7 D K Lillee b Kapil Dev 4 L Pascoe run out 6 J D Higgs

**A** THE Duleep Trophy Ranji Trophy, Irani Cup and three day matches against visiting teams besides the Tests





**W**ORLD Champion Anatoly Karpov and Sweden's GM Ulf Andersson shared the top honours in London's prestigious Phillips & Drew Kings tournament with 8 1/2/13 points ahead of Seirawan (USA) 8, Speelman (Eng), Timman (Neth) and Portisch (Hung) 7 each.

With an average rating of 2585 of the 14 participants it was a category 14 contest, just 2 rungs below the highest.

This game played in the tournament is important for the theory of the Dragon with 11 h5! vide Ivanovic-Velimirovic given on 27.6.82. Notes adapted from GM R.D. Keene's in the tournament bulletins.

#### SPASSKY—MESTEL

1. e4, c5 2. Nf3, d6 3. d4, cxd4 4. Nxd4, Nf6 5. Nc3, g6 6. Be3, Bg7 7. f3, 0-0 8. Qd2, Nc6 9. Bc4, Bd7 10. h4, Rcb8 11. Bb3, h5! 12. 0-0, Ne5 13. Bh6, Bxh6 14. Qxh6, Rxc3! 15. bxc3 Qa5 16.

Kb2, Rcb8 17. Qd2, Qb6 18. Ka1, a5! 19. a3, Qc5 20. Kb2, Be8 21. Rh3, Qb6 22. Ka1, Qc5 23. Kb2, a4! 24. Ba2, Nc4ch 25. Bxc4, Qxc4 26. Rg3, Kh7 27. Qd3, Qc5 28. f4, Nd7 29. Nf3, Nb6 30. Nd2, e5 31. f5, Rc6 32. Rf1, Kg7 33. Qf3, Qb5ch 34. Kc1, Qc5 35. fxc6, Qxa3ch 36. Kd1, f5 37. Qxf5, Nxf7 38. Qe6, d5 39. Rf7ch, 1-0.

11. Bb3! If now 11. Ne5 then very dangerous is 12. h5, Nxf5 13. g4, Nf6 14. 0-0, Nc4 15. Bxc4, Rxc4 16. Nde2, Re8 17. Bh6, Bh8 18. Qg5! planning Qh4.

(This shows that 11. h4 is more precise than 11. 0-0 played in the game of 27.6.)

11. h5! The Soltis move which has become stock in trade of Dragon specialists.

13. Bh6! More testing perhaps are 13. Bg5, Rc5 14. Rhe1 and even 13. Rdg1. A recent analysis in "Players' Chess News" suggested 13. Bg5, Rc5 14. g4, hxc4 14. h5 but Fedorowicz countess this with 14. Nxf5 15. Nd5 Rxd5! 16. Bxd5, Qh6! and Black has dangerous threats.

14. Rxc3! The standard Dragon Exchange sacrifice.

15. Qa5! Also 15. Qc7!

17. Qd2! Spassky thought 17. Qe3 would leave White's unprotected

Queen a possible prey to tactical threats on the a7-g1 diagonal.

17. Qb6! Threatening Nc4ch.

18. a5! A winning attempt. Black can't, of course, play 18. Qa5 19. Kb2, Qb6 (drawing), or 19. Ne2, Bb5.

20. Be8! Spassky was more worried by 20. d5! (when if 21. exd5, Nxd5 followed by Nb6) forcing 21. Rde1.

23. a4! Again playing for the full point.

24. Nc4ch! After 24. Nfd7 (planning Nb6) White must force matters with 25. f4.

28. Nd7! 28. e5! 28. Ng4!

30. Nd2! Black's Queen side attack is running out steam while white is preparing to strike on other wing.

35. fxc6! White no longer wants the draw with 35. Kb2, Qb5ch 36. Kr1, Qc5.

#### END GAME

Last week's ending by M. Botwinnik, "Shakhmatniy" 1925: White Ka1, Qa2, Bd2 P's f3 g2, Black Kh5, Qg7, Bg6, Nd3, Pe5, Win 1 g4ch, Kh4 2. Bh6! (threatens the Queen and mate) Qxh6 3. Qh2ch, Kg5 4. Qd2ch, Nf6 (4. Kany 5. Qxh6) 5. Qd8 mate.



**H**OW would you play this hand

4 3 2  
1 0 8 7  
A 6 5 3 2  
K 4  
N  
S  
A Q 8  
A K Q J 5 3  
3  
A Q J

Both sides vulnerable

Bidding  
W N E S  
P P P IC (strong)  
IS etc

Final Contract, 6H by South Opening hand H2.

At trick one dummy's seven fetches a club from East. Take it from there.

I hope you are not thinking in terms of discarding a spade from dummy on your clubs. West is most unlikely to have three clubs for this would give him a singleton or void in diamonds which hardly fits in with his IS overcall.

For his vulnerable overcall, West

figures to have five or six spades headed by KJ and some diamond honour cards.

The best chance is for West to have three or four diamonds and a singleton or void in clubs. Winnings the first heart with an honour in hand you play a diamond to the Ace and ruff a diamond high; go back to dummy with a trump, taking the marked finesse and ruff another diamond high.

If both opponents follow, you are through. Dummy is entered with the last trump and the fourth diamond is ruffed high.

4 3 2  
nil  
6  
K 4  
N  
S  
A Q 8  
nil  
nil  
A Q J

By this time West is left with only spades, the master trump and one club or none (once West follows to three diamonds there isn't room in his hand for more than one club).

You now play the club knave to dummy's king.

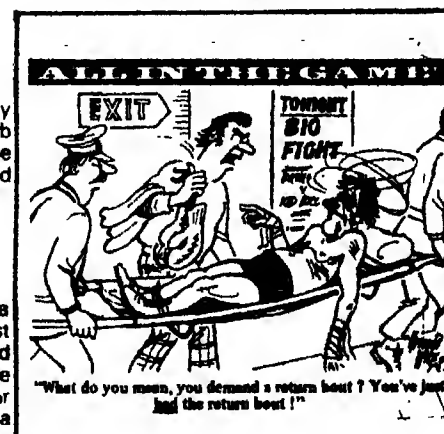
If West ruffs in, he has to return a spade into your hands allowing the last spade to be discarded on the established diamond. If he declines to ruff, the master diamond is played. Sooner or later, West has to ruff and play back a spade.

Though starting life with two spade losers and a solid trump suit, the two spade losers are exchanged for a trump.

In case West unkindly turns up with a singleton or doubleton diamond, you still have an outside chance. Crawling into your shell, you draw all trumps, hoping to be able to get to hand with a club.

Cash clubs, stripping West of everything but spades and exit with the eight of spades hoping that West has KJ109 to some number of spades.

The suggested line loses only when West started life with a singleton diamond and three clubs which is unlikely. As for West being void in diamonds, you can forget it. East would hardly remain quiet with KQJ10987 of diamonds and in any case you can't handle this situation in the play because of communication trouble.

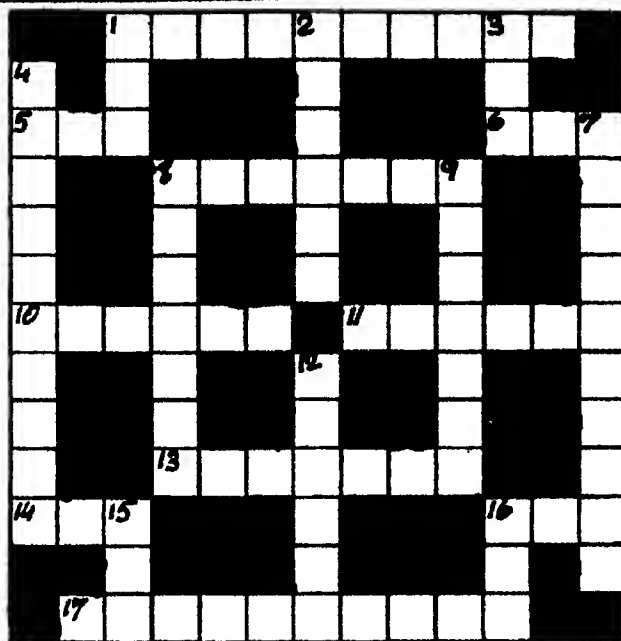


## ACROSS

- 1 Table tennis trophy is unsteady for a start (10)
- 5 Cricketer Ghorpade initially (1 1 1)
- 6 Cricketer Jaisimha initially (1 1 1)
- 8 Australian stumper is everything in the middle (1 6)
- 10 What shooters use returning (6)
- 11 Talent in India is wasted due to lack of planning (6)
- 13 Australian cricketer starts with a degree (7)
- 14 Bowlers try for this trick (3)
- 16 Former Danish badminton star (3)
- 17 Australian tennis star to search in the end (6 4)

## DOWN

- 1 Spinner Gupte initially (1 1 1)
- 2 English cricketer starts with a thanks (6)
- 3 Natekar initially (1 1 1)
- 4 Asian Games 400 m champion is a city in Rajasthan to start with (5 5)
- 7 She won the All-England badminton singles title eight times (4 6)
- 8 Indian steeplechaser starts with a lawyer and ends in the morning (7)
- 9 In a close encounter this prevails coming up (7)
- 12 Australian cricketer comes up (6)
- 15 Golfing peg (3)
- 16 Double diving champion McCormick (3)



## How much do you know?



- 1 What is the duration of the preliminary rounds in Olympic judo?
- 2 For water polo matches played by women what are the maximum dimensions of the field of play?
- 3 At what distances do men archers shoot in the double FITA round?
- 4 What is a losing hazard in billiards?
- 5 Can a boxing referee stop a bout if he considers it a one-sided affair?
- 6 What should be the colour of a table tennis ball?

- 7 In every game from which court does the tennis player hit a volley?

## ANSWERS

- 1 Six minutes 2 25 m x 17 m 3 90 70 50 and 30 metres 4 5 mids when the cue ball is pocketed after contact with another ball 5 Yes, if in the referee's opinion the weaker boxer has no possibility of winning 6 White or yellow 7 The right hand court

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# MAIL BAG

**I never said it,  
— Ahmad**

**R**EFERENCE: SW June 20, '82 Asian Badminton Camp 'Selection tournament for men'

I never said that Uday Pawar and Partho Ganpule were not considered for the camp on the basis of their performances. In fact I have always maintained that Uday Pawar and Ganpule could have been in the camp on the basis of their performance but Uday and Partho could wait till the Selection tournament because one feels element of too much tension and the other on the initiative of his employer feels that such advance coaching was not necessary.

**Fazil Ahmad,**  
(Chairman, Selection Committee)

## Ignorance not a bliss

**C**ONGRATULATIONS to Sharad Kotnis for his forthright 'Comment' (SW June 6) about the non-utilisation of services of our trained sports medical specialists who must be given top priorities to be attached to all events during the Asian Games.

We still do not have a national health or a national sports policy. We do not like to sponsor sports medicine. We have no long term project for training sportsmen and we want to produce champions!

Ignorance is not a bliss in the modern world of sports.

**Dr. Aloke Ghosh,**  
(Vice president, Indian Assoc. of Sports Medicine, Calcutta 13)

## England cricket unique

**T**HIS summer, cricket in England is unique. Enthusiasts are watching three outstanding Test all rounders playing international cricket. India's Kapil Dev, Pakistan's Imran Khan and England's Ian Botham.

Although speculation is always rife about the superiority of one or more over the other or others, by the time the Pakistan-England Test series concludes, one will be able to place the all rounders in their order of merit.

But whatever be the order, some things are certain—all of them are high class opening bowlers, attacking batsmen, potential match winners—and—the finest

all-rounders their respective countries have produced in recent times.

**—Parag Kamani,**  
(Pedder Rd., Bombay-26).



**Uday Pawar...could have been in the camp on the basis of his performance**

## Showed his worth

**W**HEN the Indian team was selected to tour England, everybody criticised everybody worth criticising, but none pointed an accusing finger at that giant Sandeep Patil, even though he failed against the English team on the flat and dead pitches of India, during the England-India Test series which was recently concluded.

He was not selected in the first Test against England, but in the second at Old Trafford, he showed exactly of what metal he is made of.

**S N Deshmukh,**  
(Nagpur)

## An impartial view

**N**OW that both the senior and the junior hockey teams have returned from Europe, an honest and an impartial review would reveal a number of weaknesses in the teams.

First the senior team would definitely benefit with the inclusions of juniors like Naorem Subramaniam, etc. Secondly our junior team's performance in the Champions Trophy showed that we were not well prepared to face the hustle and bustle of the soccer type play of Australia and West Germany.

**—Jaya Chandra Babu**  
(Snoohum, Bihar 2)

## Sandeep—dashing and debonair

**W**ELL done Sandeep, your innings at Old Trafford not only prevented India from going 2-0 down in this series, but also raised hopes of keeping the series alive, forcing England on the defensive.

Six fours from Willis' one over speaks volumes of your fantastic strokeplay, and justified the faith of the selectors.

You and Kapil thrilled the hearts of millions of listeners and viewers all over the world.

**—Satish Mayekar,**  
(Santacruz, Bombay 29)

**H**EARTIEST congratulations to Sandeep Patil and Kapil Dev for their fine performances with the bat at Old Trafford, and for winning the praise of both Englishmen and Indians.

So what if we have lost the first Test. What is important that we have kept alive the series.

Hope Gavaskar will make the final Test at Oval a memorable one.

**—Miss Prabha Padmanabhan,**  
(Wadala, Bombay 31)

**W**HAT a fine strokeplayer Sandeep Patil is! Before the start of the second Test, nobody visualised, not even Sandeep himself, that he would be making the Old Trafford Test such a memorable one.

All we cricket lovers hope that Sandeep remains in his current form, not only for

the final Test but also for the forthcoming Pakistan tour.

**—Sudhir Udgirkar,**  
(Rishra, West Bengal).

**H**ATS off to Sandeep Patil for having made a staggering comeback into Test arena by hitting a superlative century against England at Old Trafford.

He batted in great style and hit the ball into all corners of the field. Now that Patil is in full form, one can expect further fireworks from his punitive blade at Oval also.

**—M. Goutam Prakash,**  
(Avenue Rd., Bangalore-2).

**B**RAVO India! The team under that superb skipper Sunil Gavaskar will leave Old Trafford with dignity and decorum and go into the third Test to avenge their defeat with pride.

It's also heartening news that the dashing and debonair Sandeep Patil hit up a scintillating ton, aided with that ever dependable Kapil Dev and very useful contributions from Vish and Kirmani.

**—P. Jadeja,**  
(Nepean Sea Rd., Bombay).

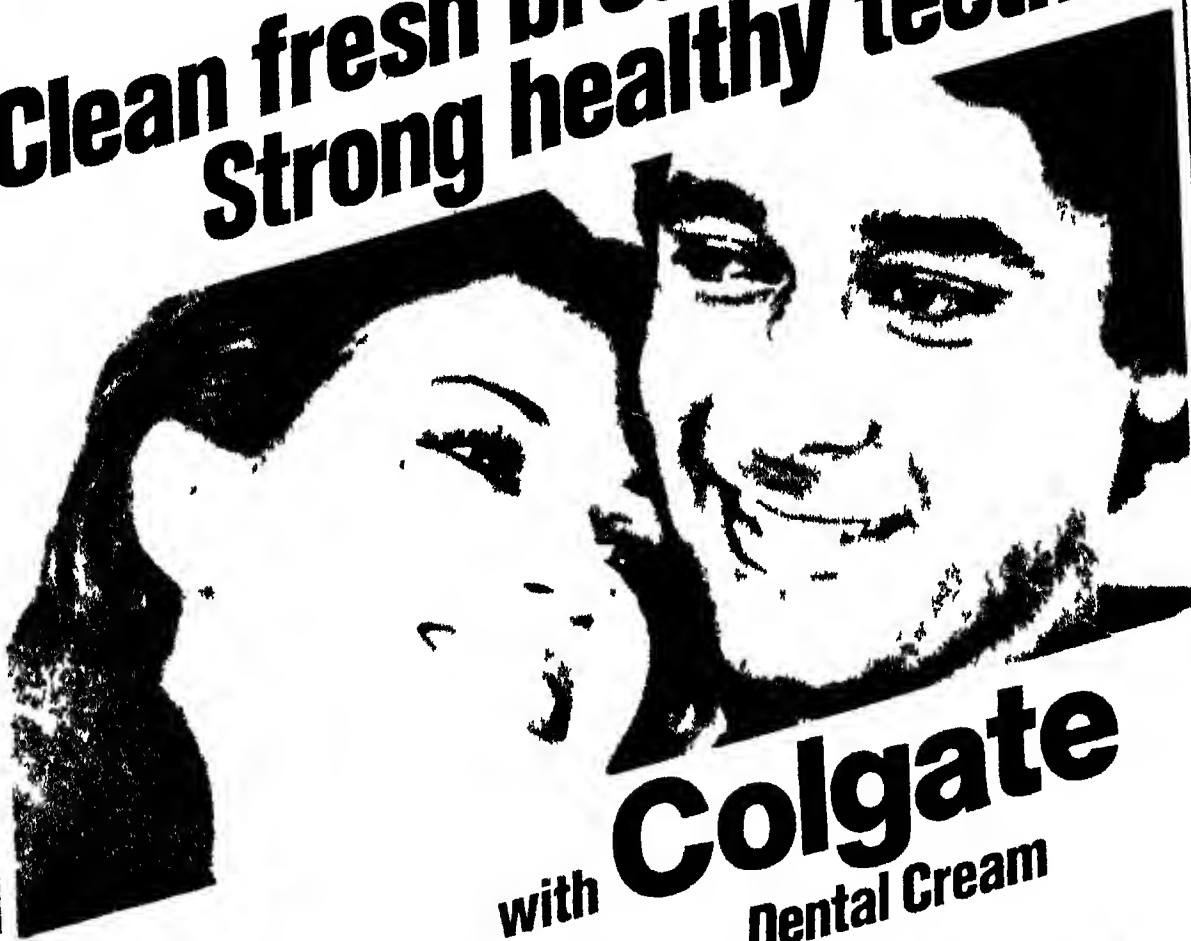
**T**HE beating Bob Willis took at Patil's hands has no parallel in history of Test cricket.

Keep it up Sandy, we are proud of you.

**—G.H. Bhawani,**  
(Thane, Maharashtra).



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